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MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred Twenty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

SENTER CHURCH

ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 10, 11 and 12

- 1976 -

Next Session convenes with Senter Church, located between Jefferson, N. C. and Sparta, N. C. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, N. C. about eight miles, near Nathan's Creek School.

September 9, 10, and 11, 1977

OFFICERS:

ELDER G. D. ROTEN, Moderator, Fleetwood, N. C. 28626
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Proceedings of the

SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD AT SENTER CHURCH

FRIDAY – September 10, 1976

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and called to order with song and prayer by Elder George McNure of the Upper Canoochee Association of Georgia.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder G. D. Roten of the Senter Association of N. C.

Opened Association Business with prayer by Elder Walter Evans of the Mountain Association of N. C. and Va.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches read, correspondents seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator, Earl W. Severt, Clerk, Ruth Severt, Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for Petitionary letters, received none.
4. Called for transient and visiting Brethren and Sisters from Sister Associations and Churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia:
Elder Walter Evans
Elder Curtis D. Hash
Brother Roscoe Williams
Brother Arol Choate
Brother A. C. Halloway
Brother Lon M. Reeves and Wife
Brother Reeves Douglas
Brother Green Ward
Sister Mrs. M. A. Jenkins
Brother J. Mack Osborne and Wife
Brother Clarence Ward
Brother Paige Wagoner
Brother Eddie Harper and Wife
Sister Lela Crouse
Brother Ben C. Weaver and Wife
Sister Nora Kennedy

Bear Creek Association of North Carolina:
Brother J. L. Eury and Wife

Little River Association of North Carolina:
Brother R. H. Reeves

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Mt. Zion Association of West Virginia:
Brother B. P. Stover and Wife
Brother French Stover and Wife
Brother Henry Roles

Silver Creek Association of North Carolina:
Elder Orvin J. Huffman
Sister Dashie Whittington
Sister Dolly Wagoner
Brother Roy Chason
Sister Ellie Chason

Upper Canoochee Association of Georgia:
Elder George McNure

Mud Creek Association of Northern Alabama:
Brother Charlie C. Matthews and Wife

Fishers River Association of North Carolina:
Brother M. L. Lawson

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Afton Road Church of Va.
Brother Henry O. Winn and Wife
Brother J. S. Lawrence and Wife

Pleasant Grove Church of Va.
Elder J. Ray White

Troutdale Primitive Baptist Church of Va.
Sister Zenna Richmond
Brother Millard F. Greer
Sister Leona Adams

St. Clairs Bottom Church of Va.
Sister Ada E. Davis
Brother Glenn Blevins
Sister Fannie Greer
Elder Everett Blevins
Elder Dan C. Blevins
Brother Howard M. Davis and Wife

Salisbury Primitive Baptist Church of N. C.
Brother Reid I. Blevins
Sister Pauline Teasley

Abbots Creek Primitive Baptist Church of N. C.
Brother B. R. Dillard

Mt. Carmel Church, Bel Air, Md.
Sister Elsie Kupisch

5. The Moderator to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. Committee on Finance:
Bro. Bertie Bare
Bro. Wayne Severt
Bro. Carl Ball

B. Committee on Arrangements:
Bro. G. L. Mash
Bro. Paul Miller
Elder C. O. Yates

C. Committee on Ministry:
Bro. Claude Bare
Bro. B. O. Dollinger
Bro. Willard Hartzog
and Delegates of Senter Church
Bro. Bertie Bare
Bro. Norman Brown
Bro. Bobby Absher
Bro. Paul Bare

6. That the Committee on Arrangements meet in church after service today for business conference.
7. To adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Saturday with Song and Prayer by Elder J. Ray White of the Pleasant Grove Church of Va.

SATURDAY – September 11, 1976

The Association met as scheduled, called to order with Song and Prayer by Elder Gene F. Watson of the Silver Creek Association of N. C.

1. Roll call, omitted.
2. Reading of the Constitution, also Rules of Decorum, omitted, but to be printed in minutes.
3. The Committee on Arrangements recommend that we continue seating all orderly, peace loving Primitive Baptist as Visitors. To discontinue fellowship with the St. Clair's Bottom Association due to some of the churches receiving and holding excluded members from Sister Churches, until amends have been made.
4. The Next Association to be held on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1977, at Senter Church.
5. That minutes be mailed to all Visitors.
6. To appoint the Clerk as Treasurer to oversee the Printing of 600 copies of the minutes, also distribution of same.
7. That the Finance Committee handle the balance of the funds and distribution of same, to Visiting Elders and Etc.
8. That Obituaries be printed in minutes.

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

1976

Received From Churches:

BEAR CREEK	$ 50.00
BEAVER CREEK	40.00
BIG HELTON	55.00
ROANS CREEK	15.00
NORTH FORK	40.00
RIVER VIEW	50.00
HORSE CREEK	30.00
SENTER	90.00

Total Received From Churches	$ 370.0
Balance in Treasury Last Year	370.0
Received From Donations Saturday and Sunday	189.0
Total Received	$ 929.0

Expenditures:

To The Moderator	$ 40.0
To The Assistant Moderator	—0—
To The Clerk	40.0
To The Assistant Clerk	—0—
Printing and Postage of Minutes, 1975	178.1
Misc. Nathans Creek School	25.0
Misc. Light Bill, Senter Church	10.0
To Visiting Elders	213.8
Total Expenditures	$514.0
Balance in Treasury	$415.0

Bro. Bertie Bare Treasurer (982-2921)

10. Minutes to be read and approved.

11. To adjourn through song and prayer by Elder Orvin J. Huffman of the Silver Creek Association of N. C.

Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator
Bro. Earl W. Severt, Clerk
Sister Ruth Severt, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:
Elder George McNure (opened with prayer)
Elder G. D. Roten (Introductory)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder Walter Evans (opened association work with prayer)
Elder J. Ray White (closed Association work with prayer)
Elder George McNure (preached)

FRIDAY NIGHT AT SENTER CHURCH:
Elder J. Ray White (introduced)
Elder Orvin J. Huffman (preached)
Elder George McNure (closed)

SATURDAY MORNING:
Elder Gene F. Watson (opened association work with prayer)
Elder Orvin J. Huffman (closed association work with prayer)
Elder J. Ray White (preached)
Elder Orvin J. Huffman (preached)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder Dan C. Blevins (introduced)
Elder Gene F. Watson (preached)
Elder Everett Blevins (preached)
Elder Curtis D. Hash (preached)
Elder G. D. Roten (preached)
Elder C. O. Yates (closed)

SATURDAY NIGHT AT SENTER CHURCH:
Lic. Reid I. Blevins (introduced)
Elder George McNure (preaching)
Elder Walter Evans (closed)

SUNDAY MORNING:
Lic. Reid I. Blevins (introduced)
Elder Walter Evans (preached)
Elder George McNure (preached)

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:
Lic. Samuel Whittington (introduced)
Elder G. D. Roten (preached)
Elder Walter Evans (closed)

Thus closed another Session of the Senter Association with Peace and Union felt by one and all. —Clerk.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Church will hold a week's meeting beginning on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday night.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder G. D. Roten.....Fleetwood, N. C. 28626
Elder Ed Severt ..... Ennice, N. C. 28623
Elder C. O. Yates ..... Rt. 2, Fleetwood, N. C. 28626
Elder Jack McGinnis ..... 4380 Ogburn Ave.
Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bear Creek — Elders Dewey Roten, Ed Severt, C. O. Yates
Beaver Creek — Elder G. D. Roten
Big Helton — Elders Dewey Roten, Jack McGinnis
Horse Creek — Elder Dewey Roten
North Fork — Elder Dewey Roten
Riverview — Elders Jack McGinnis, C. O. Yates, G. D. Roten
Roans Creek — Elders G. D. Roten, and Dan Blevins
Senter — Elder Dewey Roten

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and No. of Minutes — Clerks and their Addresses

Bear Creek: Margaret Jarvis, Ennice, N. C. 28623.....25
Beaver Creek: Ralph Miller, Rt. # 2, Box 40,
Creston, N. C. 28615 25
Big Helton: B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C. 28643.....60
Horse Creek: Carl Ball, P. O. Box 385, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694..15
North Fork: Mrs. Kathleen Burchette, Rt. #1, Box 192A,
Warrensville, N. C. 28693 30
Riverview: C. O. Yates, Rt. 2, Fleetwood, N. C. 28626.....30
Roans Creek: G. L. Mash, Rt. 1, Box 56, Jefferson, N. C. 28640....45
Senter: Annie Jones, Rt. 1, Crumpler, N. C. 28617.....55

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Ebenezer: Aubrey E. Utz, Madison, Va. 22727.....25
Mates Creek: Stearl Hatfield, McCarr, Ky. 41544.....25
Mountain: Raymond R. Nichols, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 24333.....25
Mt. Zion: Allen Mann, Rt. 2, Box 252,
Ronceverte, W. Va. 24970.....25
Bear Creek: Claude Parnell, 4244 Glennhigh Rd.,
Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107.....25
Silver Creek: Johnny D. Freeman, 167 Friendly Park,
Lenoir, N. C. 28645.....25
North Carolina Collection: The Library, University
of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. 27514..... 2
The Primitive Baptist Library, Rt. 2,
Elon College, N. C. 27244..... 2

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peaceloving Baptists of our faith and order to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Bear Creek — 1st Sat. and Sun. in May
Beaver Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in May
Senter — 2nd Sat. and Sun. in June
Riverview — 3rd Sat. and Sun. in June
Horse Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in June
North Fork — 1st Sat. and Sun. in July
Big Helton — 3rd Sat. and Sun. in July
Roans Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in noway reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfection, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Association, at their annual meetings in A.D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention with the Senter Church October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excluded, and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates shall be admitted into our union.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected; if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BEAR CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the first Saturday. A stucco cinder block building just off highway No. 16, at Glendale Springs, N. C. Note: Glendale Springs, N. C. is located between North Wilkesboro, N. C. and Jefferson, N. C. Highway 16. Traveling from North Wilkesboro, N. C., turn right at Glendale Springs, Traveling from Jefferson, N. C., turn left at Glendale Springs. Church in a small grove of pines on right in sight from Glendale Springs, N. C.

BEAVER CREEK—Fourth Saturday night 7 p. m., and Sunday 3 p. m. A brick church building, located about three miles from West Jefferson, N. C. Take highway 221 about one mile toward Boone, N. C. turn left on highway 163 about 2 miles, Church on left side of highway.

BIG HELTON—Sunday (only) 2 p. m., following the third Saturday. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, N. C. Take Highway 194 from Lansing, N. C. to Sturgills, N. C., turn left, church about one mile on left side of road.

HORSE CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the fourth Saturday. A white wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, N. C. Take Highway 194 from West Jefferson, N. C., to Lansing, N. C. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile, turn left on 1324, follow 1324 to Joe Hampton road, follow to end of pavement, turn left to church.

NORTH FORK—Sunday (only) 2 p. m. following the first Saturday. A white asbestos shingle church building, located about three miles west of Warrensville, N. C. Located between Warrensville, N. C. and Trade, Tenn. Take Highway No. 88 out of Warrensville, N. C., about one mile you will come to the North Fork of New River, take first right hand road, church about two miles on right side of road.

RIVERVIEW—Third Sunday following the third Saturday. A brick church building, located about eight miles from West Jefferson, N. C. Take Highway 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, N. C. Turn left on state road No. 1147, go about six miles, church on left side of road.

ROANS CREEK—Fourth Saturday, 2 p. m. and Sunday, 11 a. m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, N. C., and Laurel Springs, N. C. Take Highway No. 88 out of Jefferson, N. C. about seven miles, church on left side of road.

SENTER—Second Saturday, 11 a. m. and Sunday, 2 p. m. A brick church building, located between Jefferson, N. C. and Sparta, N. C. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, N. C. about eight miles near Nathan's Creek School.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sat. of Meeting	Ordained Elders	Rec. by Exp. & Bapt.	Received by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Bear Creek.....	Bro. Wayne Severt, Sister Margaret Jarvis, Sister Vernie Jones, Sister Carrie Severt, Alt.....	May	1	1	1						18	$ 50.00
Beaver Creek	Bro. Don Walters, Bro. Ralph Miller, Sister Jean Walters, Sister Willa Grey Miller, Alt.	May	4		1					2	16	40.00
Big Helton.....	Bro. B. O. Dolinger, Bro. G. O. Blevins, Sister Emma Dolinger, Sis. G. O. Blevins, Alt.	July	3								20	55.00
Roans Creek..	Deacon G. L. Mash, Bro. Frank Thompson, Bro. Guy Reeves, Sister Dottie Wyatt, Alt.	July	4							1	42	15.00
North Fork....	Sister Hettie Sapp, Sister Floss Roten, Sis. Kathleen Burchette, Bro. Grover Burchette, Alt.	Aug.	1		1					2	22	40.00
Riverview.....	Bro. Paul Miller, Bro. Willard Hartzog, Sister Orby Yates, Sis. Toby Hartzog, Alt.	June	3	3	4						34	50.00
Horse Creek..	Bro. Carl Ball, Bro. Millard Davis, Bro. Calvin Barker, Sis. Lessie Ball, Alt.	June	4								6	30.00
Senter.....	Bro. Bertie Bare, Bro. Norman Brown, Bro. Bobby Absher, Bro. Paul Bare, Alt.	June	2		1						66	90.00
	TOTAL.....			4	8					5	224	$370.00

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Opened Association Business with prayer by Elder Allen Vhittington of the Meadow Fork Church.

)N MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches read, correspondents seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator, Earl W. Severt, Clerk, Ruth Severt, Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for Petitionary Letters, Received Meadow Fork Church of Aleghaney County, North Carolina into the Senter Association.
4. Called for transient and visiting Brethren and Sisters from Sister Associations and Churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia:
Elder Curtis D. Hash
Brother Lon M. Reeves and Wife
Sister Madge W. Rhudy
Brother Green Ward
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Brother Clarence Ward
Brother J. Mack Osborne and Wife
Elder Walter Evans
Brother Claude McBride and Wife
Brother Cleve Gambill And Wife
Brother Arol Choate
Brother Paul Hash
Brother H. Bayne Caudill

Silver Creek Association of North Carolina:
Elder Gene F. Watson
Sister Doshie E. Whittington
Sister Dolly Wagoner
Brother Roy G. Chason and Wife

Upper Canoochee Association of Georgia:
Elder George McNure and Wife
Brother Neuburn Hutchuson

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Brother John Lawrence and Wife

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Elder J. Ray White

Troutdale Primitive Baptist Church of Va.
Sister Zenna Richmond
Sister Leona Adams

St. Clairs Bottom Church of Va.
Sister Ada E. Davis
Sister Jessie Adams
Sister Margaret Hayden
Sister Sarah Sadler
Brother Karl Sadler
Brother Glenn Blevins
Brother Fred W. Cress
Elder Everett Blevins
Elder Daniel Blevins

Salisbury Primitive Baptist Church of N. C.
Brother Reid I. Blevins

Abbots Creek Primitive Baptist Church of N. C.
Brother B. R. Dillard

Cold Springs Primitive Baptist Church of Ky.
Brother J. D. Bolt and Wife

Pine Primitive Baptist Church of N. C.
Elder Kemp H. Walker and Wife

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church of W. Va.
Elder Norvel P. Mann

5. The Moderator to make all temporary appointments in thi session.

A. Committee on Finance:
Brother Oscar Burgess
Bro. Bertie Bare
Bro. Wayne Severt

B. Committee on Arrangements:
Elder Billy Yates
Brother Paul Miller
Elder C. O. Yates
Moderator Elder G. D. Roten
Clerk Brother Earl W. Severt

C. Committee on Ministry:
Lic. Sammie Whittington
Brother Norman Brown
Brother Don Walters
also messengers from Senter Church
Brother Bertie Bare
Brother Bobby Absher
Brother Norman Brown
Brother Paul Bare

6. That the Committee on Arrangements meet in church after service today for business conference.
7. To adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Saturday with Song and Prayer by Elder George McNure of the Upper Canoochee Association of Georgia.

SATURDAY – September 10, 1977

The Association met as scheduled, called to order with Song and Prayer by Elder Kemp H. Walker of the Pine Primitive Baptist Church of N. C.

1. Roll call, omitted.
2. Reading of the Constitution, also Rules of Decorum, omitted, but to be printed in minutes.
3. The Committee on Arrangements recommend that we continue seating all orderly, peace loving Primitive Baptist as Visitors. To continue Non-fellowship with the St. Clair's Bottom Association due to some of the Churches receiving and holding excluded members from Sister Churches, until amends have been made.
4. The Next Association to be held on Friday before the Second Sunday in September, 1978, at Beaver Creek Church.
5. That minutes be mailed to all Visitors.
6. To appoint the Clerk to oversee the printing of 600 copies of the minutes and distribution of same.
7. To appoint Brother Bertie Bare as Treasurer to hold Funds for printing of Minutes and Postage.
8. To Discontinue Mailing Minutes to Mates Creek Association and Mt. Zion Association.

9. That the Finance Committee handle the balance of the fu and distribution of same, to Visiting Elders.
10. That Obituaries be printed in Minutes.
11. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

Year 1977

Received From Churches:

BEAR CREEK	$ 60.00	
BEAVER CREEK	37.00	
BIG HELTON	90.00	
HORSE CREEK	25.00	
MEADOW FORK	84.00	
NORTH FORK	54.00	
RIVER VIEW	75.00	
ROANS CREEK	66.00	
SENTER	113.00	
Total Received From Churches		$ 604
Treasury Report:		
Balance From Last Year	$415.00	
Interest Received From Bank	12.00	
Paid out for Printing and Postage of Minutes Last Year	190.00	
Treasurer Returned From Last Year		237.
Received From Donations Saturday and Sunday		216.
Total Received		$1,057
Expenditures:		
To The Moderator		$ 40.
To The Assistant Moderator		—0-
To The Clerk		50.
To The Assistant Clerk		10.
To The Treasurer		10.
Misc. Nathans Creek School		35.
Misc. Light Bill Senter Church		20.
To Visiting Elders		515.
Total Expenditures		$ 680.
Balance in Treasury		$ 377.

Treasurer. Brother Bertie Bare Treasurer (982-2921)

12. Minutes to be read and approved.
13. To adjourn through Song and Prayer by Elder Everett Blevi of the St. Clair's Bottom Church of Virginia.

Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator
Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk
Sister Ruth Severt, Assistant Cle

ORDER OF PREACHING

RIDAY MORNING:
Elder Gene F. Watson (opened Association with Prayer)
Elder G. D. Roten (Introductory)
Elder Gene F. Watson (preached)
Elder George McNure (closed with prayer)

RIDAY NIGHT AT SENTER CHURCH:
Elder George McNure (opened with prayer)
Elder J. Ray White (preached)
Elder Dan C. Blevins (closed with prayer)

ATURDAY MORNING:
Elder Kemp H. Walker (opened Association with prayer)
Elder Everett Blevins (closed Association with prayer)

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Elder Walter Evans (opened with prayer)
Elder George McNure (preached)
Elder Dan Blevins (preached)
Elder Everett Blevins (preached)

ATURDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder J. Ray White (preached)
Elder Curtis D. Hash (preached)
Elder Walter Evans (closed with prayer)

ATURDAY NIGHT AT SENTER CHURCH:
Elder Kemp H. Walker (opened with prayer)
Elder Walter Evans (preached)
Elder George McNure (closed with prayer)

UNDAY MORNING:
Elder Billy Yates (opened with prayer)
Elder Kemp H. Walker (preached)
Elder George McNure (preached)
Elder Norvel P. Mann (preached)

UNDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder Walter Evans (preached)
Elder Allen Whittington (preached)
Elder C. O. Yates (closed with prayer)

Thus closed another Session of the Senter Association with Peace and Union felt by one and all. —Clerk.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Church will hold a week's meeting beginning on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday night.

OBITUARIES

SISTER CARRIE W. MILLER

Funeral Services held on December 6, 1976 at Ashelawn Memorial Chapel, Jefferson, N. C. by Elder G. D. Roten. Burial followed in Ashelawn Cemetery.

Survivors include one Sister Mavis Gachnaues and one Brother Oren Weaver.

Sister Carrie was a devoted member at North Fork Primitive Baptist Church for 36 Years.

She was a Faithful member as long as she was able to attend

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder G. D. Roten.....Fleetwood, N. C. 28626
Elder Ed Severt ..... Ennice, N. C. 28623
Elder C. O. Yates ..... Rt. 2, Fleetwood, N. C. 28626
Elder Jack McGinnis ..... 4380 Ogburn Ave.
Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105
Elder Calvin Whittington ..... Wilbar, N. C.
Elder Allen Whittington, Rt. 2, Box 229, Millers Creek, N. C. 28651
Lic. Samuel Whittington, Rt. 2, Box 231, Millers Creek, N. C. 28651
Elder Billy Yates, Rt. 1 ..... Sparta, N. C. 28675

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bear Creek — Elders Dewey Roten, Ed Severt, C. O. Yates
Beaver Creek — Elder G. D. Roten
Big Helton — Elders Dewey Roten, Jack McGinnis
Horse Creek — Elder Dewey Roten
Meadow Fork — Elders Allen Whittington and Edd Severt
North Fork — Elder Dewey Roten
Riverview — Elders Jack McGinnis, C. O. Yates, G. D. Roten
Roans Creek — Elders G. D. Roten, Dan Blevins and Billy Yates
Senter — Elder Dewey Roten

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and No. of Minutes — Clerks and their Addresses

Bear Creek: Margaret Jarvis, Ennice, N. C. 28623.....30
Beaver Creek: Ralph Miller, Rt. # 2, Box 40,
Creston, N. C. 28615.....30
Big Helton: B. O. Dolinger, Lansing, N. C. 28643.....60

Horse Creek: Carl Ball, P. O. Box 385, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694..15
Meadow Fork: Mabel Johnson, Laurel Springs, N. C. 28644.....30
North Fork: Mrs. Kathleen Burchette, Rt. #1, Box 192A, Warrensville, N. C. 28693 30
Riverview: C. O. Yates, Rt. 2, Fleetwood, N. C. 28626.....30
Roans Creek: G. L. Mash, Rt. 1, Box 56, Jefferson, N. C. 28640....45
Senter: Annie Jones, Rt. 1, Crumpler, N. C. 28617.....55

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Ebenezer: Aubrey E. Utz, Madison, Va. 22727.....25
Mountain: Raymond R. Nichols, Rt. 1, Galax, Va. 24333.....25
Bear Creek: Claude Parnell, 4244 Glennhigh Rd., Winston-Salem, N. C. 27107.....25
Silver Creek: Johnny D. Freeman, 167 Friendly Park, Lenoir, N. C. 28645.....25
North Carolina Collection: The Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C. 27514..... 2
The Primitive Baptist Library, Rt. 2, Elon College, N. C. 27244..... 2
The American Baptist Historical Society 1106 South Goodman Street, Rochester, New York 14620..... 2

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peaceloving Baptists of our faith and order to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Bear Creek — 1st Sat. and Sun. in May
Beaver Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in May
Senter — 2nd Sat. and Sun. in June
Riverview — 3rd Sat. and Sun. in June
Horse Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in June
North Fork — 1st Sat. and Sun. in July
Big Helton — 3rd Sat. and Sun. in July
Roans Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in July
Meadow Fork — 2nd Sat. and Sun. in August

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfection, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Association, at their annual meetings in A.D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excluded, and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same, and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceed-

ings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for l trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, correcte if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before t Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government m be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when th may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve mont notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the gener union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communi among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represe themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the church to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from ar church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Constitutio deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Sc and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Test ments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practic

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in b nature, by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerate and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thu regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fa finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of Go only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ord nances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subject of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptisı is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a genera judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishmer of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administe the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly callec and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BEAR CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the first Saturday. A stucco cinder block building just off highway No. 16, at Glendale Springs, N. C. Note: Glendale Springs, N. C. is located between North Wilkesboro, N. C. and Jefferson, N. C. Highway 16. Traveling from North Wilkesboro, N. C., turn right at Glendale Springs, Traveling from Jefferson, N. C., turn left at Glendale Springs. Church in a small grove of pines on right in sight from Glendale Springs, N. C.

BEAVER CREEK—Fourth Saturday night 7 p. m., and Sunday 2 p. m. A brick church building, located about three miles from West Jefferson, N. C. Take highway 221 about one mile toward Boone, N. C. turn left on highway 163 about 2 miles, Church on left side of highway.

BIG HELTON—Sunday (only) 2 p. m., following the third Saturday. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, N. C. Take Highway 194 from Lansing, N. C. to Sturgills, N. C., turn left, church about one mile on left side of road.

HORSE CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the fourth Saturday. A white wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, N. C. Take Highway 194 from West Jefferson, N. C., to Lansing, N. C. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile, turn left on 1324, follow 1324 to Joe Hampton road, follow to end of pavement, turn left to church.

MEADOW FORK—Sunday after Second Saturday—A white weatherboard building. Located on Highway # 18. Between North Wilkesboro, N. C. and Laurel Springs, N. C. Near Blue Ridge Parkway.

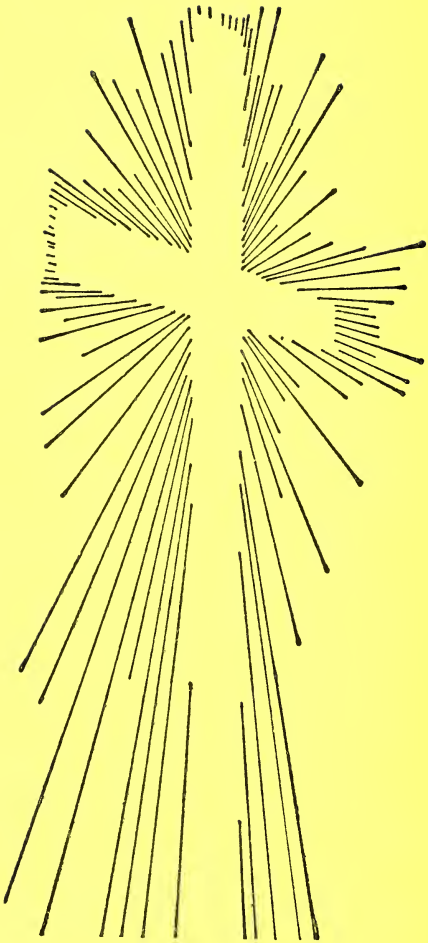
NORTH FORK—Sunday (only) 2 p. m. following the first Saturday. A white asbestos shingle church building, located about three miles west of Warrensville, N. C. Located between Warrensville, N. C. and Trade, Tenn. Take Highway No. 88 out of Warrensville, N. C., about one mile you will come to the North Fork of New River, take first right hand road, church about two miles on right side of road.

RIVERVIEW—Third Sunday following the third Saturday A brick church building, located about eight miles from Wes Jefferson, N. C. Take Highway 221 about one mile and a hal toward Boone, N. C. Turn left on state road No. 1147, go about si miles, church on left side of road.

ROANS CREEK—Fourth Saturday, 2 p. m. and Sunday, 1 a. m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, N. C. and Laurel Springs, N. C. Take Highway No. 88 out of Jefferson N. C. about seven miles, church on left side of road.

SENTER—Second Saturday, 11 a. m. and Sunday, 2 p. m. A brick church building, located between Jefferson, N. C. and Sparta, N. C. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, N. C. about eight miles, near Nathan's Creek School.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sat. of Meeting	Ordained Elders	Licentiates	Rec. by Exp. & Bapt	Received by Relatio	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd. by Letter	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Bear Creek.....	Bro. Wayne Severt, Sister Annie Pierce, Sister Carrie Severt, Sister Margaret Jarvis, Alt.....	May	1	1			1				19	$ 60.00
Beaver Creek	Bro. Ralph Miller, Bro. Don Walters, Sister Willa Grey Miller, Sister Jean Walters, Alt....	May	4			1		1			18	37.00
Big Helton.....	Bro. B. O. Dolinger, Bro. Gaither Blevins, Sister Gladys Blevins, Sis. Locky Spencer, Alt.....	July	3								20	90.00
Horse Creek..	Deacon Carl Ball, Bro. Millard Davis, Bro. Calvin Barker, Sis. Lessie Ball, Alt.....	June	4								6	25.00
Meadow Fork.....	Lic. Samuel Whittington, Sis. Mabel Johnson, Bro. Clarence Brown, Sis. Nora Whittington, Alt.....	Aug.	2	2	1					1	20	84.00
North Fork....	Bro. Grover Burchette, Sister Hettie Sapp, Sis. Kathleen Burchette, Sis. Floss Roten, Alt.....	Aug.	1							1	21	54.00
Riverview.....	Bro. Willard Hartzog, Bro. Paul Miller, Sis. Maggie Miller, Sis. Ila Sheets, Alt.....	June	3	3							34	75.00
Roans Creek..	Deacon G. L. Mash, Bro. Oscar Burgess, Bro. Guy Reeves, Bro. Richard Bare, Alt.....	July	4	1		7					49	66.00
Senter.....	Bro. Bertie Bare, Bro. Bobby Absher, Bro. Norman Brown, Bro. Paul Bare, Alt.....	June	2			2				2	66	113.00
	TOTAL.....			7	1	10	1	1		4	253	$604.00



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MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred Twenty-Fifth Annual Session

OF THE

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

BEAVER CREEK CHURCH

ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, and 10

-1978-

Next Session convenes with Senter Church, located between Jefferson, N. C. and Sparta, N. C. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, N. C. about eight miles, near Nathan's Creek School.

September 7, 8, and 9, 1979

OFFICERS:

ELDER G. D. ROTEN, Moderator, Fleetwood, N. C. 28626 Phone 877-4834

ELDER STEVE DOUGLAS, Assistant Moderator, Rt. #1, Box 518, Crumpler, N. C. 28617, Phone 982-2958

BROTHER EARL W. SEVERT, Clerk, 4798 N. Cherry St., Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105, Phone 767-6851

ELDER FLOYD F. SOUTH, Assistant Clerk, Rt. #2, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694, Phone 246-7456.

Proceedings of the

SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD AT SENTER CHURCH

FRIDAY – September 8, 1978

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and called to order with song and prayer by Elder Floyd F. South of the Senter Association of N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder G. D. Roten of the Senter Association of N. C. Text: Romans; 11 chapter 29 vs. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

Association work opened with Song and Prayer by Elder Walter Evans of the Mountain Association.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches read, correspondents seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator; Elder Steve Douglas, Assistant Moderator; Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk; Elder Floyd F. South, Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for Petitionary Letters, received none.
4. Called for transient and visiting Bretheren and Sisters from Sister Associations and Churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia:
Elder Walter Evans
Brother Raymond Nichols and Wife
Brother Lon M. Reeves and Wife
Sister M. A. Jenkins
Sister Madge W. Rhudy
Brother Greene Ward
Brother Arvel Newberry
Sister Eva Newberry
Brother Clarence Ward
Elder Curtis D. Hash

Silver Creek Association of North Carolina:
Sister Dolly Wagner
Sister Doshie E. Whittington

Bear Creek Association of North Carolina:
Elder F. W. Stack and Wife

Upper Canoochee Association of Georgia:
Elder George McNure
Brother Frank L. Wright

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Abbots Creek Primitive Baptist Church of N. C.
Brother B. R. Dillard

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church, Danville, Va.
Brother Thomas Lawrence And Wife
Brother John Lawrence and Wife
Brother Henry Winn And Wife

Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church, Belair, Md.
Sister Elsie Kupisch

St. Clair's Bottom Primitive Baptist Church, Va.
Sister Sibyl L. Davis
Brother Howard M. Davis

Pine Primitive Baptist Church of N. C.
Elder Kemp Walker and Wife
Brother Clarence R. Brown
Sister Jane H. Brown

Troutdale Primitive Baptist Church, Troutdale, Va.
Sister Leona Adams
Sister Zenna Richmond

Salisbury Primitive Baptist Church, Salisbury, N. C.
Brother Reid I. Blevins

Landmark Primitive Baptist Church, Landingbury, Pa.
Brother Elzie Reynolds
Sister Ethel Reynolds

Mill Creek Primitive Baptist Church of S. C.
Elder C. J. DeLoach

5. The Moderator to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. Committee on Finance:
Bro. Bertie Bare
Bro. Willard Hartzog
Bro. Wayne Severt

B. Committee on Arrangements:
Elder Floyd F. South
Elder C. O. Yates
Brother Paul Bare
with Moderator and Clerk.

C. Committee on Ministry:
Lib. Samuel Whittington
Bro. Grover Burchette
Bro. Carl Ball
with Deligates of Beaver Creek Church.

6. That the Committee on Arrangements meet after service today for conference here at the Church.

7. To adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Saturday with Song and Prayer by Elder C. J. DeLoach of the Mill Creek Primitive Baptist Church, of S. C.

SATURDAY – September 9, 1978

The Association met as scheduled, called to order with Song and Prayer by Elder Kemp H .Walker of the Pine Primitive Baptist Church of N. C.

1. Roll call, omitted.

2. Reading of the Constitution, also Rules of Decorum, omitted, but to be printed in minutes.

3. The Committee on Arrangements recommend that we continue seating all orderly, peace loving Primitive Baptist as Visitors.

4. The Next Association to be held on Friday before the Second Sunday in September, 1979 at Senter Church.

5. That minutes be mailed to all Visitors.

6. To appoint the Clerk to oversee the printing of 600 copies of the minutes and distribution of same.

7. To appoint Brother Bertie Bare as Treasurer to hold Funds for printing of Minutes and Postage.

8. That the Finance Committee handle the balance of the funds and distribution of same, to Visiting Elders.

9. That Obituaries be printed in Minutes.

10. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

Year 1978

Received From Churches:

BEAR CREEK	$ 37.00
BEAVER CREEK	75.00
BIG HELTON	75.00
HORSE CREEK	30.00
MEADOW FORK	80.00
NORTH FORK	55.00
RIVER VIEW	79.00
ROANS CREEK	72.50
SENTER	82.00

Total Received From Churches		$ 585.5(
Treasury Report:		
Balance From Last Year	$377.00	
Interest Received From Bank	12.26	
Paid out for Printing and Postage of Minutes Last Year	234.59	
Treasurer Returned From Last Year		154.67
Received From Donations Saturday and Sunday		255.0(
Total Received		$995.17

Expenditures:

To The Moderator	$ 40.0(
To The Assistant Moderator	10.0(
To The Clerk	60.0(
To The Assistant Clerk	10.0(
To The Treasurer	10.0(
Misc. Beaver Creek School	40.0(
Misc. Light Bill Beaver Creek Church	25.0(
To Visiting Elders	365.5(
Total Expenditures	$560.5(

Balance in Treasury $434.67

Treasurer. Brother Bertie Bare Treasurer (982-2921)

11. Minutes to be read and approved.
12. To adjourn through Song and Prayer by Elder Curtis D. Hash of the Mountain Association of Virginia.

Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator
Elder Steve Douglas, Assistant Moderator
Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk
Elder Floyd F. South, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

'RIDAY MORNING:

Elder Floyd F. South (opened with prayer)
Elder G. D. Roten (Introductory)

'RIDAY EVENING:

Elder Walter Evans (opened Assoc. Business with prayer)
Elder C. J. DeLoach (closed Assoc. business with prayer)
Elder F. W. Stack (preached)
Elder Allen Whittington (closed)

'RIDAY NIGHT at Beaver Creek Church:

Elder Walter Evans (opened with prayer)
Elder George McNure (preached)
Elder C. J. DeLoach (closed)

ATURDAY MORNING:

Elder Kemp Walker (opened Assoc. business with prayer)
Elder Curtis D. Hash (closed Assoc. business with prayer)
Elder C. J. DeLoach (preached)
Elder Kemp Walker (preached)
Elder Curtis D. Hash (preached)

ATURDAY EVENING:

Elder George McNure (opened with prayer)
Elder Walter Evans (preached)
Elder F. W. Stack (closed)

ATURDAY NIGHT at Beaver Creek Church:

Elder Billy Yates (opened with prayer)
Elder George McNure (preached)
Elder Steve Douglas (closed)

UNDAY MORNING:

Elder Billy Yates (opened with prayer)
Elder George McNure (preached)
Elder Walter Evans (preached)

UNDAY EVENING:

Elder C. J. DeLoach (preached)
Elder Kemp Walker (preached)
Elder G. D. Roten (closed)

Thus closed another Session of the Senter Association with Peace and Union felt by one and all. —Clerk.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Church will hold a week's meeting beginning on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday night.

OBITUARIES

T. E. HARTZOG

Funeral Services for Thomas Edward Hartzog, 90 of Rt. #2, Fleetwood, N. C. passed away at Ashe Memorial Hospital, was held at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church. Elder G. D. Roten, Elder C. O. Yates and Rev. Eugene Adams officiated, with Burial following in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hartzog was born February 12, 1888 in Ashe County to Jeff and Mary Miller Hartzog.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Vannoy Hartzog, of the home; one foster son, C. T. Shepherd, of West Jefferson, N. C.; 5 foster grandchildren, 10 foster great-grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Hartzog was a long time member and Deacon of the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church where he was a strong and Faithful member as long as his health permitted, always a cheerful and pleasant man to talk to and to be around. Missed by one and all, we feel our Loss But Heaven s Gain.

By-Clerk.

RALPH MILLER

In Memory of William Ralph Miller, Date of birth April 6, 1927, He passed from this life June the 7th 1978.

He united with Beaver Creek Primitive Baptist Church the 4th of September, 1961, Where he was ordained a Deacon the 4th Saturday in May, 1967, was elected Clerk March 1971.

He served a faithful Deacon and Clerk and Member until death.

We can only say sleep on dear one till God sees fit to awake you in His likeness.

RAYMOND ZENER MILLER

Raymond Zener Miller was born May 4, 1901 and died May 30, 1978 at the age of 77.

In August, 1949 he was married to Pansy Miller and to this union, one son Michael was born.

In May, 1960 he and his wife joined Riverview Primitive Baptist Church and were baptized by their Pastor Elder G. D. Roten assisted by Elder Wiley Hester.

Surviving are his wife and son Michael Miller of Fleetwood, N. C.; a step daughter Mrs. Shelby Roten of Marion, Va.; three grandchildren, and four step grandchildren, also surviving are three sisters Mrs. Alverda Parsons of West Jefferson, N. C.; Mrs. Effie Rhodes of Craig Colorado and Mrs. Dora Hayes of Purlear, N. C.

Funeral services were held at Riverview Church by Elder G. D. Roten and Floyd F. South and his body was laid to rest in the Church Cemetery.

Submitted by Mrs. Orby Yates

HETTIE HAM ROTEN

Hettie Ham Roten, 77, daughter of Callie and Wiley Ham, was born March 5, 1901. She was the widow of the late Marion Roten, she passed away Thursday, July 13, 1978 at the home of her son.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 15, 1978 at North Fork Church, Elder Eddie Lyalls officiated. Burial followed in the Roten Graybeal Cemetery.

She was a member of the North Fork Church for 55 years.

She is survived by seven children, six sons and one daughter, Earl, Carl, Vernon, Conley, Buel and Woodrow; Mrs. Ruby Whittington, also three sisters Della Roten, Floss Roten and Pearl Elliott and one brother Wade Ham.

Her Many friends and relatives are saddened by her death.

WILLIAM T. MILLER

William Thomas Miller, 81, of Nathans Creek community Crumpler, N. C. died Monday morning, March 20, 1978 at Forsyth Memorial Hospital at Winston-Salem, N. C.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 22, 1978 at Senter Primitive Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Elder Dewey Roten, Rev. Worth Severt and Rev. Norman Statt officiated. Burial followed in the Senter church cemetery.

Will was born April 3, 1896 to Benjamin and Martha Tilley in Ashe County. He was a member of the Senter Primitive Baptist Church since 1917, a veteran of World War I serving in France, and was an active general farmer until his death.

In 1971 he received the conservation Farmer of the Year Award for the New River Soil and Water Conservation District.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Mrs. Juanita Bledsoe Miller; two daughters, Mrs. Martha Virginia Miller Johnson of Greensboro, N. C. and Mrs. Ruth Ann Miller of Jefferson, N. C.; two sons, Dr. William Jack Miller of Athens, Ga. and Dr. Edward James Miller of Jefferson, N. C.; two sisters, Mrs. Susie McMillan of Street, Md.; Mrs. Ruth Blevins of Todd, N. C.; one brother, Worth Miller, of West Jefferson; seventeen grand-children and one great grand-child.

Brother Miller was a faithful church member for 61 years, the longest current membership. He was a devoted husband and father.

In Memory

BENJAMIN O. DOLINGER

Benjamin O. Dolinger, 89, of Lansing, passed away on May 11, 1978 at his home.

A native of Ashe county, he was born on September 16, 188[illegible] to Wiley and Caroline Dolinger.

He was married to Emma Perry on August 1, 1908. To this union were born four daughters and five sons.

He united with the Helton Primitive Baptist Church in 191[illegible] where he remained a faithful member until his death. He served as Deacon many years at the Helton Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors are his wife, Emma Perry Dolinger, three daughters Ruby Weaver, Peggy Ballou, Alva Neitzey; four sons, Wade, Ancel Kenneth and Charles. A daughter, Pearl, and a son, Lloyd, preceeded him in death. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder G. D. Roten ..... Lake Ashe Rd., Fleetwood, N. C. 28626

Elder Ed Severt ..... Ennice, N. C. 28623

Elder C. O. Yates ..... Rt. 2, Fleetwood, N. C. 28626

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COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peaceloving Baptists of our faith and order to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Bear Creek — 1st Sat. and Sun. in May
Beaver Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in May
Senter — 2nd Sat. and Sun. in June
Riverview — 3rd Sat. and Sun. in June
Horse Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in June
North Fork — 1st Sat. and Sun. in July
Big Helton — 3rd Sat. and Sun. in July
Roans Creek — 4th Sat. and Sun. in July
Meadow Fork — 2nd Sat. and Sun. in August

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfection, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Association, at their annual meetings in A.D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excluded, and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings. the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association. and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceed-

ings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected; if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Constitution, deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BEAR CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the first Saturday. A stucco cinder block building just off highway No. 16, at Glendale Springs, N. C. Note: Glendale Springs, N. C. is located between North Wilkesboro, N. C. and Jefferson, N. C. Highway 16. Traveling from North Wilkesboro, N. C., turn right at Glendale Springs, Traveling from Jefferson, N. C., turn left at Glendale Springs. Church in a small grove of pines on right in sight from Glendale Springs, N. C.

BEAVER CREEK—Fourth Saturday night 7 p. m., and Sunday 2 p. m. A brick church building, located about three miles from West Jefferson, N. C. Take highway 221 about one mile toward Boone, N. C. turn left on highway 163 about 2 miles, Church on left side of highway.

BIG HELTON—Sunday (only) 2 p. m., following the third Saturday. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, N. C. Take Highway 194 from Lansing, N. C. to Sturgills, N. C., turn left, church about one mile on left side of road.

HORSE CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the fourth Saturday. A white wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, N. C. Take Highway 194 from West Jefferson, N. C., to Lansing, N. C. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile, turn left on 1324, follow 1324 to Joe Hampton road, follow to end of pavement, turn left to church.

MEADOW FORK—Sunday after Second Saturday—A white weatherboard building. Located on Highway # 18. Between North Wilkesboro, N. C. and Laurel Springs, N. C. Near Blue Ridge Parkway.

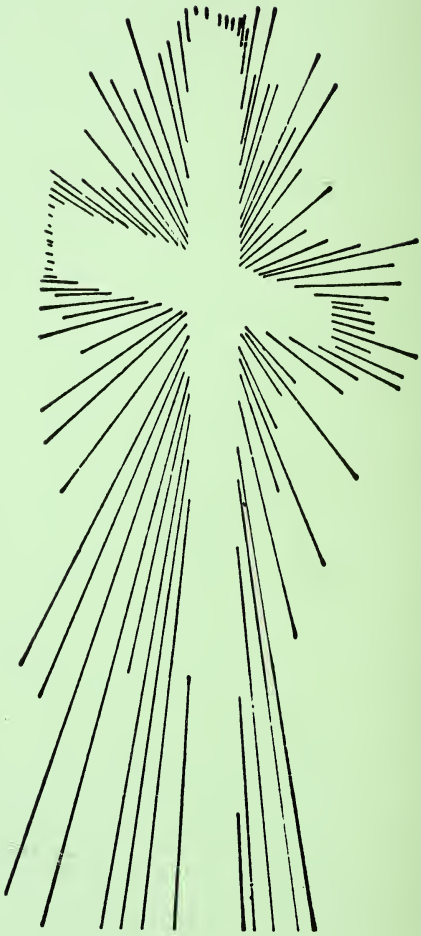
NORTH FORK—Sunday (only) 2 p. m. following the first Saturday. A white asbestos shingle church building, located about three miles west of Warrensville, N. C. Located between Warrensville, N. C. and Trade, Tenn. Take Highway No. 88 out of Warrensville, N. C., about one mile you will come to the North Fork of New River, take first right hand road, church about two miles on right side of road.

RIVERVIEW—Third Sunday following the third Saturday. A brick church building, located about eight miles from West Jefferson, N. C. Take Highway 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, N. C. Turn left on state road No. 1147, go about six miles, church on left side of road.

ROANS CREEK—Fourth Saturday, 2 p. m. and Sunday, 11 a. m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, N. C., and Laurel Springs, N. C. Take Highway No. 88 out of Jefferson, N. C. about seven miles, church on left side of road.

SENTER—Second Saturday, 11 a. m. and Sunday, 2 p. m. A brick church building, located between Jefferson, N. C. and Sparta, N. C. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, N. C. about eight miles, near Nathan's Creek School.

CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sat. of Meeting	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Rec. by Exp. & Bapt.	Received by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
Bear Creek	Bro. Wayne Severt, Sister Margaret Jarvis, Sister Mary Wagoner, Sister Verna Jones, Alt.	May	1	1								19	$ 37.00
Beaver Creek	Sister Willa Grey Miller, Sister Jean Miller, Sister Lea Ella South, Bro. Don Walters, Alt.	May	4	1				2			1	17	75.00
Big Helton	Sister Gladys Blevins	July	3								1	37	75.00
Horse Creek	Bro. Carl Ball, Bro. Millard Davis, Bro. Calvin Barker, Sister Lessie Ball, Alt.	June	4									6	30.00
Meadow Fork	Sister Mable Johnson, Sister Hazel Carter, Sister Nora Whittington, Bro. Samuel Whittington, Alt.	Aug.	2	2	1				2			18	80.00
North Fork	Bro. Grover Burchette, Sister Hettie Sapp, Sister Floss Roten, Sister Dilly Miller, Alt.	Aug.	1								1	19	55.00
Roans Creek	Deacon G. L. Mash, Bro. Oscar Burgess, Bro. Guy Reeves, Bro. Richard Bare, Alt.	July	4	1						2	2	45	72.50
Riverview	Elder Calvin Yates, Bro. Willard Hartzog, Bro. Paul Miller, Bro. Clyde Johnson, Alt.	June	3	3							2	32	79.00
Senter	Bro. Paul Bare, Bro. Bobby Absher, Bro. Bertie Bare, Bro. Norman Brown, Alt.	June	2	1							4	62	82.00
	TOTAL			9	1	0	0	2	2	2	11	255	$585.50



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MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred Twenty-Sixth

Annual Session

OF THE

Senter District

Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

SENTER CHURCH

ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 7, 8, and 9

-1979-

Next Session to convene with Big Helton Church in conjunction with North Fork Church. Located, about one (1) mile west of Sturgills, N. C. turn left, Church about one (1) mile on left side of road on Friday. On Saturday and Sunday will be held at the Lansing or North West Ashe School if available, if not a stand will be built at the Big Helton Church.

SEPTEMBER 12, 13 and 14, 1980

OFFICERS:

ELDER G. D. ROTEN, Moderator; Fleetwood, N. C. 28626. Phone 877-4834.

ELDER BILLY YATES, Assistant Moderator; Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C. 28675. Phone 372-5311

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Proceedings of the

SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD AT SENTER CHURCH

FRIDAY – September 7, 1979

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and called to order with song and prayer by Lic. Wayne Giblons of the Saint's Delight Church, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder C. E. Darity of the Echeeconee Association, of Georgia. Text: Psalms 127

Association work opened with song and prayer by Elder Guy Parks of the Original Bear Creek Association of North Carolina

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the Churches read, Correspondents seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator; Elder Billy Yates, Assistant Moderator; Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk; Elder J. C. Weaver, Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for Petitionary Letters, received None.
4. Called for transient and visiting Bretheren and Sisters from Sister Associations and Churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia;

Elder Walter Evans
Elder Elmer Sparks
Brother G. R. Douglas and Wife
Brother Lon M. Reeves And Wife
Brother J. Mack Osborne
Sister Rose Osborne
Sister Mrs. M. A. Jenkins
Brother John C. Gambill
Sister Blanche Halsey
Brother Dean Halsey
Sister Rose Gambill
Brother Green Ward
Brother Clarence Ward
Brother Ben Weaver
Sister Glayds Weaver
Sister Elma W. Reeves
Sister Grace C. Rector
Sister Beulah Reeves

Echeeconee Association, of Georgia
Elder C. E. Darity

Original Bear Creek Association, of North Carolina;
Elder Guy Parks
Brother Burin Medlin
Brother Hobert Medlin
Brother Kim Honeycutt and Wife
Sister H. Bowers
Sister Dorothy C. Parks
Brother D. Timothy Furr
Sister Autie Furr

Silver Creek Association, of North Carolina
Sister Dolly Wagner
Sister Doshie E. Whittington
Sister W. Reeves
Elder Gene F. Watson

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Saint Clair's Bottom Primitive Baptist Church, of Va.
Brother Glenn Blevins
Elder Dan Blevins
Sister Jessie Adams
Brother Howard M. Davis, Sr.
Sister Ada E. Davis
Sister Sibyl L. Davis

Montview Primitive Baptist Church, of Winston-Salem, N. C.
Brother Frank King

Chestnut Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Lambsburg, Va.
Elder H. B. Thomas

Liberty Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Va.
Elder John F. Goad
Sister Beatrice Goad

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church, Danville, Va.
Brother Thomas P. Lawrence and Wife
Sister Mary Griffin
Brother Claude Reece and Wife
Brother John Lawrence and Wife
Sister Bernice Handy

Cold Springs Primitive Baptist Church, Creston, Ky.
Brother G. D. Bolt
Sister Gladys Bolt

Saint's Delight Primitive Baptist Church, of Winston-Salem, N. C. Lic. Wayne Giblons

Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church, Bell Air, Md.
Sister Ruth Pennington
Brother James A. Dixon
Sister Barbara Dixon

Pilgrims Rest Primitive Baptist Church,
Brother Henry Hicks

Harmony Grove Primitive Baptist Church,
Sister Ruby Walton
Brother Ward Walton

Troutdale Primitive Baptist Church, Troutdale, Va.
Sister Leona Adams
Sister Zenna Richmond

Pine Primitive Baptist Church, of North Carolina
Brother Clarence Brown and Wife

5. The Moderator to make all temporary appointments in this Session.

A. Committee on Finance:
Bro. Bertie Bare
Bro. Willard Hartzog
Elder C. O. Yates

B. Committee on Arrangements;
Elder Floyd F. South
Elder Billy Yates
Elder Steve Douglas
With Moderator and Clerk.

C. Committee on Ministry:
Bro. G. O. Burgess
Elder J. C. Weaver
Bro. Carl Ball
With Deligates of Senter Church.

6. That the Committee on Arrangements meet after church service here at Senter Church for Conference.

7. To adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Saturday with song and prayer by Elder Elmer Sparks of the Mountain Association of N. C. and Va.

SATURDAY – September 8, 1979.

The Association met as scheduled, called to order with so and prayer by Elder Floyd F. South of the Senter Association N. C.

ON MOTION:

1. Roll Call, omitted.

2. Reading of the Constitution, also Rules of Decorum, omitte But to be printed in minutes.

3. (A). The Committee on Arrangements recommend that w continue seating all orderly, peace loving Primitive Bapti as Visitors.

   (B). The Committee on Arrangements appoint a committee t investigate old Church Property that has gone down.
   Elder J. C. Weaver
   Brother Bertie Bare
   Elder Floyd F. South
   Elder Billy Yates
   Elder G. D. Roten

   (C). The Committee on Arrangements recommend, Subm changing Article of Faith #2, to Churches to include th 1611 Version of King James Version of the Bible for on (1) Year.

4. The next Association to be held on Friday before the Secon Sunday in September, 1980 at Big Helton Church in conjunctio with the North Fork Church.

5. To appoint the Clerk to oversee the printing of 600 copies o the minutes and distribution of same.

6. That minutes be mailed to all Visitors.

7. To appoint Brother Bertie Bare as Treasurer to hold Funds fo printing of Minutes and Postage.

8. That the Finance Committee handle the balance of the fund and distribution of same, to Visiting Elders.

9. That Obituaries and a Memoriam be printed in Minutes.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

Year 1979

Received From Churches:

BEAR CREEK	$ 37.00
BEAVER CREEK	45.00
BIG HELTON	130.00
HORSE CREEK	32.00
MEADOW FORK	50.00
NORTH FORK	55.00
RIVER VIEW	64.00
ROANS CREEK	60.00
SENTER	89.00
Total Received From Churches	$562.00

Treasury Report:

Balance From Last Year	$434.67	
Interest Received From Bank	15.14	
Paid out for Printing and Postage of Minutes Last Year	263.40	
Treasurer Returned From Last Year		186.41
Received From Donations Saturday and Sunday		223.00
Total Received		$971.41

Expenditures:

To The Moderator	$ 40.00
To The Assistant Moderator	10.00
To The Clerk	60.00
To The Assistant Clerk	—0—
To The Treasurer	—0—
Misc. Nathans Creek School	40.00
Misc. Senter Church—Light Bill	25.00
To Visiting Elders	220.00
Total Expenditures	$.
Balance in Treasury	$576.41

Treasurer. Brother Bertie Bare Treasurer (982-2921)

Minutes to be read and approved.

To adjourn through song and prayer by Elder Billy Yates of the Senter Association.

Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator
Elder Billy Yates, Assistant Moderator
Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk
Elder J. C. Weaver, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:
Lic. Wayne Giblons (opened with prayer)
Elder C. E. Darity (Introductory, Text: Psalms 127, vs. 1)

FRIDAY EVENING:
Elder Guy Parks (opened Business with prayer)
Elder Elmer Sparks (closed Business with prayer)
Elder H. B. Thomas (preached)
Elder C. E. Darity (closed with prayer)

FRIDAY NIGHT at Senter Church:
Elder Walter Evans (opened with prayer)
Elder C. E. Darity (Text: General Assembly)
Elder G. D. Roten (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY MORNING:
Elder Floyd F. South (opened Business with prayer)
Elder Billy Yates (closed Business with prayer)

SATURDAY MORNING at School Auditorium:
Elder Billy Yates (opened with prayer)
Elder Guy Parks (Text: John 1; vs. 6.)
Elder Gene F. Watson (Text: 1 Samuel)

SATURDAY EVENING at School Auditorium:
Elder John F. Goad (preached)
Elder Walter Evans (Text: Jeremiah)
Elder Gene F. Watson (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY NIGHT at Senter Church:
Elder Steve Douglas (opened with prayer)
Elder Guy Parks (Text: John 17; vs's 4, 6 and 8)
Elder Walter Evans (closed with prayer)

SUNDAY MORNING at School Auditorium:
Elder C. O. Yates (opened with prayer)
Elder Guy Parks (Hebrews 9; vs's 24, 26 and 28)
Elder Walter Evans (The Resurrection of the Dead)
Elder G. D. Roten (closed with prayer)

Thus closed another Session of the Senter District Association with Peace and Union felt one and and all. —Clerk.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Church will hold a week's meeting beginning on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday Night.

OBITUARY

GAITHER OLIVER BLEVINS

Gaither Oliver Blevins age 93 of Rt. 1, Crumpler, N. C. passed away July 16, 1979 at Ashe Memorial Hospital. He was born in Ashe County October 31, 1885 to Thomas and Rebecca Brown Blevins.

He joined the Big Helton Primitive Baptist Church 3rd Saturday July 1931 and had taught School several years in Ashe County.

Funeral services was conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Senter Primitive Baptist Church, Elder Dewey Roten, Elder Walter Evans and Rev. Dan C. Tuell, with burial in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife Mrs. Bertie Walton Blevins, 2 daughters, Mrs. Stella Helms of Columbia, S. C. and Mrs. Myrtle Caraway of Crumpler, N. C.; 3 sons Glen of Marion, Va., Harvey of West Jefferson, N. C., and Earl of Crumpler, N. C., 1 sister Mrs. Vilenta Dixon of North East, Md., 18 grandchildren, 1 step grandchild and 4 great-great grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

Big Helton:
Brother Marshall Spencer
Sister Venia Kilby Spencer
Sister Mattie Kilby Owen
Brother Gaither Oliver Blevins

Meadow Fork:
Sister Louisanna Taylor

Senter:
Brother Avery Bare

OBITUARY

EMMA PERRY DOLINGER

Emma Perry Dolinger, 86, of Lansing passed away Septembe 11, 1979 at her home.

A native of Ashe County, she was born on October 12, 189 to Johnathan and Alvah Sheets Perry.

She was married to Benjamin Orley Dolinger on August 1 1908.

She united with the Helton Primitive Baptist Church in 191 and remained a faithful member. She served as Deaconess fo many years.

She is survived by three daughters, Ruby Weaver, Pegg Ballou and Alva Neitzey, four sons, Wade, Ancel, Kenneth Charles and one sister, Maggie Davis. Preceeding her in deat was her beloved husband, Benjamin, one daughter, Pearl and son, Lloyd.

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RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfection, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Association, at their annual meetings in A.D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention with the Senter Church October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excluded, and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and

nswered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the nsideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the ember who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches ith the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomp- shing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future ssociation.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray ie expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the nion to contribute such sums as they think proper to the As- ociation, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a reasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the ame.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceed- ngs of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by he Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his rouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected; f need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may e made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they nay deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general nion of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficlty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches o any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BEAR CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the first Saturday. A stucco cinder block building just off highway No. 16, at Glendale Springs, N. C. Note: Glendale Springs, N. C. is located between North Wilkesboro, N. C. and Jefferson, N. C. Highway 16. Traveling from North Wilkesboro, N. C., turn right at Glendale Springs, Traveling from Jefferson, N. C., turn left at Glendale Springs. Church in a small grove of pines on right in sight from Glendale Springs, N. C.

BEAVER CREEK—Fourth Saturday night 7 p. m., and Sunday 2 p. m. A brick church building, located about three miles from West Jefferson, N. C. Take highway 221 about one mile toward Boone, N. C. turn left on highway 163 about 2 miles, Church on left side of highway.

BIG HELTON—Sunday 10:30 a. m. following the second Saturday, third Saturday 7:00 p. m. and Sunday 2:30 p. m. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, N. C. Take

Highway 194 from Lansing, N. C. to Sturgills, N. C., turn left, hurch about one mile on left side of road.

HORSE CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the fourth Saturday. A white wood frame building about four miles northvest of Lansing, N. C. Take Highway 194 from West Jefferson, N. C., to Lansing, N. C. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile, urn left on 1324, follow 1324 to Joe Hampton Road, follow to nd of pavement, turn left to church.

MEADOW FORK—Sunday after Second Saturday—A white veatherboard building. Located on Highway # 18. Between North Wilkesboro, N. C. and Laurel Springs, N. C. Near Blue Ridge Parkway.

NORTH FORK—Sunday (only) 2 p. m. following the first aturday. A white asbestos shingle church building, located about hree miles west of Warrensville, N. C. Located between Warrensille, N. C. and Trade, Tenn. Take Highway No. 88 out of Warrensille, N. C., about one mile you will come to the North Fork of lew River, take first right hand road, church about two miles on ght side of road.

RIVERVIEW—Third Sunday following the third Saturday. brick church building, located about eight miles from West efferson, N. C. Take Highway 221 about one mile and a half oward Boone, N. C. Turn left on state road No. 1147, go about x miles, church on left side of road.

ROANS CREEK—Fourth Saturday, 2 p. m. and Sunday, 11 m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, N. C., nd Laurel Springs, N. C. Take Highway No. 88 out of Jefferson, . C. about seven miles, church on left side of road.

SENTER—Second Saturday, 11 a. m. and Sunday, 2 p. m. A rick church building, located between Jefferson, N. C. and Sparta, . C. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, N. C. about eight miles, ear Nathan's Creek School.

Church Established	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sat. of Meeting	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Rec. By Exp. and Baptism	Rec. By Letter	Restored To Fel.	Dis'd. By Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
1832	Bear Creek	Sister Margaret Jarvis, Sister Annie Pierce, Sister Verna Jones, Bro. Wayne Severt, Sister Carrie Severt, Alt.	May	1	1								19	$ 37.00
1785	Beaver Creek	Bro. Don Walters, Elder Floyd F. South, Sister Willa Grey Miller; Sister Lea Ella South, Alt.	May	4	1				1	1	1		16	45.00
1840	Big Helton	Elder J. C. Weaver, Sister Gladys Blevins, Sister Enice Kilby, Sister Hester Spencer, Alt.	July	3	1		1					4	17	130.00
1840	Horse Creek	Bro. Carl Ball, Bro. Calvin Barker, Bro. Millard Davis, Sister Lessie Ball, Alt.	June	4									7	32.00
1849	Meadow Fork	Lib. Samuel Whittington, Elder Allen Whittington, Sister Mabel Johnson, Sister Nora Whittington, Alt.	Aug.	2	2	1						1	19	50.00
1785	North Fork	Bro. Grover Burchette, Sister Hettie Sapp, Sister Kathleen Burchette	July	1									19	55.00
1898	Riverview	Elder C. O. Yates, Bro. Clyde Johnson, Bro. Paul Miller, Bro. Willard Hartzog, Alt.	June	3	3		1						33	64.00
1869	Roans Creek	Deacon G. L. Mash, Bro. G. O. Burgess, Bro. Guy Reeves, Bro. Richard Bare, Alt.	July	4	1				1		3		43	60.00
1829	Senter	Bro. Bertie Bare, Bro. Bobby Absher, Bro. Norman Brown, Bro. Dewey Fowler, Alt.	June	2	1			3				1	64	89.00
		TOTAL.....			10	1	2	3	2	1	4	6	237	$562.00

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MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred Twenty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

BIG HELTON CHURCH IN CONJUNCTION WITH NORTH FORK CHURCH

ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 12, 13 and 14, 1980

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Next Session convenes with Senter Church, located between Jefferson, N. C. and Sparta, N. C. take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, N. C. about eight miles, near Nathan's Creek School.

SEPTEMBER 11, 12 and 13, 1981

OFFICERS

ELDER G. D. ROTEN, Moderator; Fleetwood, N. C. 28626. Phone 877-4834.

ELDER BILLY YATES, Assistant Moderator; Rt. 1, Sparta, N. C. 28675. Phone (919) 372-5311.

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ELDER FLOYD F. SOUTH, Assistant Clerk; Rt. 2, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694. Phone 246-7456.

Proceedings of the
SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Held at Big Helton Church in conjunction with North Fork Church

FRIDAY – September 12, 1980

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and called to order with Song and Prayer by Elder Steve Douglas of the Senter Association.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder H. B. Thomas of the Chestnut Grove Primitive Baptist Church, Lambsburg, Va. Text; Psalms 103; Malachi 3rd Chapter.

Association work opened with Song and Prayer by Elder Floyd F. South of the Senter Association.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the Churches read, Correspondents seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator; Elder Billy Yates, Assistant Moderator; Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk; Elder Floyd F. South, Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for Petetionary Letters, Received none.
4. Called for Transient and Visiting Bretheren and Sisters from Sister Associations and Churches. The following were seated and given the right Hand of fellowship.

Mountain Association of North Carolina and Virginia.

Elder Curtis D. Hash
Sister Bernice Hash
Brother Raymond Nichols and Wife
Elder Walter Evans
Brother J. Mack Osborne and Wife
Sister M. A. Jenkins
Brother Greene Ward
Elder Elmer R. Sparks
Brother Lon M. Reeves
Brother Walter Osborne
Sister Lela R. Crouse
Sister Marjorie Caudill

Original Bear Creek Association, of North Carolina.

Elder Joseph N. Baucom
Brother David Helms and Wife

Mt. Zion Association, of W. Va.

Lic. Franklin Oresta
Elder J. R. Lilly
Brother and Sister Alfred Morgan

Original Little River Association, of N. C.

Brother and Sister Coleman Strickland

Reorganized Silver Creek Association, of N. C.

Sister Doshie Whittington
Sister Dolly Wagner
Sister Barbara W. Reeves
Elder Gene F. Watson

Independent Churches:

Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Statesville, N. C.

Sister Mary Brooks

Saint Clair's Bottom Primitive Baptist Church, of Va.

Sister Sarah Sadler
Brother Glenn Blevins
Sister Sibyl Davis
Sister Ada E. Davis
Brother Melvin Davis

Pine Primitive Baptist Church, of N. C.

Elder and Sister Kemp H. Walker

Chestnut Grove Primitive Baptist Church, of Lambsburg, Va.

Elder H. B. Thomas

Troutdale Primitive Baptist Church, of Va.

Sister Zena Richmond
Sister Leona Adams

Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church, of Bell Air, Md.

Sister Elsie Kupisch

Abbots Creek Primitive Baptist Church, of N. C.

Brother B. R. Dillard

Dan River Primitive Baptist Church, of N. C.

Sister G. W. Dickerson

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church, of Danville, Va.

Brother John Lawrence and Wife
Brother Henry and Sister Louise Winn
Brother and Sister Claude Reece
Sister Mrs. Aubey Strader

Cold Springs Primitive Baptist Church, of Creston, Ky.

Brother J. D. and Sister Gladys Bolt

Liberty Hill Primitive Baptist Church, Va.

Elder and Sister John F. Goad

Pine Grove Primitive Baptist Church, of Va.

Elder Ray Rotenizer and Wife

Montview Primitive Baptist Church, of Winston-Salem, N. C.

Deacon Frank King

Pine Ridge Primitive Baptist Church, of N. C.

Brother Wilbur Stone

Harmony Grove Primitive Baptist Church.

Brother Ward and Sister Ruby Dalton

5. The Moderator to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. Committee on Finance:

Deacon Bertie Bare
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Bro. Norman Brown

B. Committee on Arrangements:

Elder Floyd F. South
Elder Billy Yates
Elder C. O. Yates
with Moderator and Clerk

C. Committee on Ministry:

Deacon G. L. Mash
Elder Steve Douglas
Deacon Wayne Severt
with Delegates of Big Helton and North Fork Churches.

6. That the Committee on Arrangements meet after Church service here at Senter Church for conference.

7. To adjourn until 10:00 a.m. Saturday with Song and Prayer by Elder Ed Severt of the Senter Association.

SATURDAY – September 13, 1980:

The Association met as scheduled, called to order with Song and Prayer by Elder Billy Yates, of the Senter Association.

ON MOTION:

1. Roll call, Omitted.

2. Reading of the Constitution, also Rules of Decorum, omitted but to be printed in Minutes.

3. A. The Committee on Arrangements recommend that we continue seating all orderly, peace loving Primitive Baptist as Visitors.

   B. The Committee reported from last year on old Church property that had gone down, of which had been dissolved.

   C. The Committee on Arrangements recommend changing Article of Faith #2 to include the 1611 Version of the King James Version of the Bible. That had been before the Churches for one year, to read as follows.

   We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament as Translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

4. The next Association to be held on Friday before the Second Sunday in September, 1981 at Senter Church.

5. To appoint the Clerk to oversee the printing of 600 copies of the Minute and distribution of same.

6. That Minutes be mailed to all Visitors.

7. To appoint Deacon Bertie Bare as Treasurer to hold funds for printing and postage of Minutes.

8. That the Finance Committee handle the balance of the funds and distribution of same, to Visiting Elders.

9. That Obituaries and a Memoriam be printed in Minutes.

10. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

Year 1980

Received From Churches:

BEAR CREEK	$ 38.00
BEAVER CREEK	60.00
BIG HELTON	115.00
HORSE CREEK	25.00
MEADOW FORK	35.00
NORTH FORK	80.00
RIVER VIEW	74.00
ROANS CREEK	46.00
SENTER	91.00
Total Received From Churches	$564.00

Treasury Report:

Balance From Last Year	$576.41	
Interest Received From Bank	7.86	
Paid out for Printing and Postage of Minutes Last Year	— 368.15—	
Treasurer Returned From Last Year		216.12
Received From Donations Saturday and Sunday		257.00
Total Received		$1,037.12

Expenditures:

To The Moderator	$ —0—
To The Assistant Moderator	—0—
To The Clerk	60.00
To The Assistant Clerk	—0—
To The Treasurer	—0—
Misc. **North West High School Janitor**	55.00
Misc. **Beaver Creek Church—Light Bill**	20.00
To Visiting Elders	285.00
Total Expenditures	$ 420.00
Balance in Treasury	$ 617.12

Treasurer. **Deacon Bertie Bare Phone (919) 982-2921**

11. Minute to be read and approved.

12. To adjourn through Song and Prayer by Elder Elmer Sparks of the Mountain Association.

Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator
Elder Billy Yates, Assistant Moderator
Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk
Elder Floyd F. South, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:
Elder Steve Douglas (Opened with prayer)
Elder H. B. Thomas (Introductory, Text; Psalms 103; Malachi 3rd ch.)

FRIDAY EVENING:
Elder Floyd F. South (opened business with prayer)
Elder Ed Severt (closed business with prayer)
Elder Curtis D. Hash (preached)
Elder Billy Yates (closed with prayer)

FRIDAY NIGHT: at Beaver Creek Church.
Elder Billy Yates (opened with prayer)
Lic. Franklin Oresta (preached)
Elder J. R. Lilly (preached)
Elder Steve Douglas (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY MORNING:
Elder Billy Yates (opened business with prayer)
Deacon Wayne Severt (closed business with prayer)

SATURDAY MORNING at School Auditorium:
Lic. Franklin Oresta (opened with prayer)
Elder Kemp Walker (preached)
Elder Walter Evans (preached)

SATURDAY EVENING:
Elder John F. Goad (opened with prayer)
Elder Gene F. Watson (preached)
Elder Ray Rotenizer (preached)
Elder Elmer Sparks (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY NIGHT: at Beaver Creek Church.
Elder Steve Douglas (opened with prayer)
Elder Billy Yates (preached)
Elder Joseph N. Baucom (preached)
Elder G. D. Roten (closed with prayer)

SUNDAY MORNING:
Elder Floyd F. South (opened with prayer)
Elder Joseph N. Baucom (preached)
Elder Ray Rotenizer (preached)
Elder G. D. Roten (preached)
Elder C. O. Yates (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Church will hold a week's meeting beginning on Sunday night after the Second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday Night.

OBITUARIES

SISTER LESSIE LYDIA COCKERHAM CRAVEN

Mrs. Lessie Lydia Cockerham Craven, 93, of Route 1, Purlear, widow of Charlie Smith Craven died Saturday morning in Wilkes General Hospital, February 9, 1980.

Mrs. Craven was born April 8, 1886, in Ashe County, daughter of Ransom and Celphi Pennington Cockerham. She was a member of Bare Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Ashe County.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Georgia Mitchell of Rt. 4, North Wilkesboro, Mrs. Audrey Holland of Severn, Md. and Mrs. Ruth Parsons of Rt. 1, Purlear; son Herman Craven of Eden, Ohio; 35 grandchildren. 46 great grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral service was conducted at 2 pm Tuesday at Bare Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Ashe County by Elder Dewey Roten and Elder Floyd F. South, burial was in the Church cemetery.

BROTHER CHARLIE H. PHILLIPS

Mr. Charlie H. Phillips was born May 13, 1905, died June 2, 1980.

He joined River View Primitive Baptist Church in 1960.

He was married to Gladys Miller, December 28, 1931.

Surviving are His Wife Gladys Phillips, one son, Don C. Phillips, one grandson, David Charles.

He is missed in the home and by all friends and neighbors.

SISTER MAE CALLOWAY MILLER

Mrs. Mae Calloway Miller, age 84, of West Jefferson, N. C. the widow of the late George A. Miller, died Friday, August 31, 1979 at the Blowing Rock Hospital after an extended illness. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 2 at the Badgers Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Dewey Roten officiating with burial at Ashelawn Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Miller was born in Ashe County May 7, 1895 to Martha Kilby and Alfred Calloway. She was a member of Beaver Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving are nine children. Mrs. Georgia Lewis, Mrs. Mary Nell Weaver, Mrs. Sallie Scott, Harry Lee Miller of West Jefferson, Allan Miller of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Mrs. Hazel Hodges of Banner Elk, Mrs. Silver Abernethy of Drexel, Jimmie R. Miller of Charlotte, Mrs. Betty Monroe of Princeton, New Jersey. 18 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren also survive.

SISTER MYRA MASH MILLER

Mrs. Myra Mash Miller, was born March 2, 1900, in Ashe County to Jesse and Jane Severt Mash.

She was married to Philmore Miller on February 16, 1922. To this union was born seven children, Mozelle, Pauline, Bower, Britt, Barney, Gladys and Bryant which preceded her in death.

Her husband preceded her in death on August 16, 1977.

Surviving in addition to Her six Children are two brothers, Claude and Harry Mash, sixteen grand-children and eight great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

She joined Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church in 1939 to which she remained faithful till death. She loved her Church and all Her many friends she will be greatly missed by Her family and many friends but our loss is Heaven's gain. She will be waiting in Heaven for us where all her troubles and pains are over.

SISTER MARTHA FIDELLA ROARK PERRY DAVIS

Martha Fidella Roark Perry Davis age 83 of Rt. 1, Box 149 Lansing, N. C. passed away April 9, 1980 at the home. She was born in the Horse Creek Community of Ashe County, N. C. on August 26, 1897, to Bill and Edith Roark.

She joined the Pond Mountain Primitive Baptist Church later moving her membership to Horse Creek Primitive Baptist Church where She remained a faithful member until Her death.

Funeral Services were conducted at 2 pm Wednesday at the Horse Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Elder Dewey Roten, Elder Floyd F. South and Elder Steven Douglas attended the Service.

Surviving are Her husband Mr. Millard Davis two children by Her first marriage, Estel Perry Creston, N. C.; Osa Martin of Baltimore, Md. Children by Her second marriage are Garfield Davis, Kennette Square, Pa.; and Dorthy Davis of the home. 21 grand-children, 17 great-grand-children and 1 great-great-grand-child.

Martha was a loving wife and a wonderful mother, She was well thought of by Her many Friends. She will be greatly missed by Her Brothers and Sisters in Christ but we feel Her Soul is Basking in the Paradise of God.

IN MEMORIAM

Bear Creek:

Sister Lessie Lydia Cockerham Craven
Sister Myra Mash Miller

Horse Creek:

Sister Martha Fidella Roark Perry Davis

River View:
Brother Charlie H. Phillips
Beaver Creek:
Sister Mae Calloway Miller
Senter:
Brother Lillard Davis
Sister Omah Blevins

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder G. D. Roten ..... Lake Ashe Rd., Fleetwood, N. C. 28626
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Elder Jack McGinnis ..... 4830 Ogburn Ave.
Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105
Elder Calvin Whittington ..... Wilbar, N. C.
Elder Allen Whittington, Rt. 2, Box 229, Millers Creek, N. C. 28651
Lib Samuel Whittington, Rt. 2, Box 231, Millers Creek, N. C. 28651
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Elder Floyd F. South ..... Rt. 2, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694
Elder Steve Douglas ..... Rt. 2, Box 518, Crumpler, N. C. 28617

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Bear Creek — Elders Dewey Roten, Ed Severt, C. O. Yates
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Riverview — Elders Jack McGinnis, C. O. Yates, G. D. Roten
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Senter — Elders Dewey Roten and Steve Douglas

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and No. of Minutes — Clerks and their Addresses

Bear Creek: Margaret Jarvis, Eunice, N. C. 28623.....30
Beaver Creek: Willa Grey Miller, Rt. # 2, Box 40,
Creston, N. C. 28615.....30

Big Helton: Mrs. Kathleen Burchette, Rt. # 1, Box 192A, Warnesville, N. C. 28693.....45

Horse Creek: Carl Ball, P. O. Box 385, West Jefferson, N. C. 28694 15

Meadow Fork: Mabel Johnson, Laurel Springs, N. C. 28644.....30

North Fork: Mrs. Kathleen Burchette, Rt. #1, Box 192A, Warrensville, N. C. 28693 30

Riverview: C. O. Yates, Rt. 2, Fleetwood, N. C. 28626.....30

Roans Creek: G. L. Mash, Rt. 1, Box 56, Jefferson, N. C. 28640....45

Senter: Annie Jones, Rt. 1, Box 157, Crumpler, N. C. 28617.....55

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Ebenezer: Aubrey E. Utz, Madison, Va. 22727.....25

Mountain: Raymond R. Nichols, Rt. 1, Box 139, Galax, Va. 24333 25

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Horse Creek – 4th Sat. and Sun. in June
North Fork – 1st Sat. and Sun. in July
Big Helton – 3rd Sat. and Sun. in July
Roans Creek – 4th Sat. and Sun. in July
Meadow Fork – 2nd Sat. and Sun. in August

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfection, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Association, at their annual meetings in A.D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention with the Senter Church October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, excluded, and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the union.

4. The Association shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected; if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficlty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament as Translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of Faith and Practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the Presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BEAR CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the first Saturday. A stucco cinder block building just off highway No. 16, at Glendale Springs, N. C. Note: Glendale Springs, N. C. is located between North Wilkesboro, N. C. and Jefferson, N. C. Highway 16. Traveling from North Wilkesboro, N. C., turn right at Glendale Springs. Traveling from Jefferson, N. C., turn left at Glendale Springs. Church in a small grove of pines on right in sight from Glendale Springs, N. C.

BEAVER CREEK—Fourth Saturday night 7 p. m., and Sunday 2 p. m. A brick church building, located about three miles from West Jefferson, N. C. Take highway 221 about one mile toward Boone, N. C. turn left on highway 163 about 2 miles, Church on left side of highway.

BIG HELTON—Sunday 10:30 a. m. following the third Saturday. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, N. C. Take Highway 194 from Lansing, N. C. to Sturgills, N. C., turn left, church about one mile on left side of road.

HORSE CREEK—Sunday (only) 11 a. m. following the fourth Saturday. A white wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, N. C. Take Highway 194 from West Jefferson, N. C., to Lansing, N. C. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile, turn left on 1324, follow 1324 to Joe Hampton Road, follow to end of pavement, turn left to church.

MEADOW FORK—Sunday after Second Saturday—A white weatherboard building. Located on Highway # 18. Between North Wilkesboro, N. C. and Laurel Springs, N. C. Near Blue Ridge Parkway.

NORTH FORK—Sunday (only) 2 p. m. following the first Saturday. A white asbestos shingle church building, located about three miles west of Warrensville, N. C. Located between Warrensville, N. C. and Trade, Tenn. Take Highway No. 88 out of Warrensville, N. C., about one mile you will come to the North Fork of New River, take first right hand road, church about two miles on right side of road.

RIVERVIEW—Third Sunday following the third Saturday. A brick church building, located about eight miles from West Jefferson, N. C. Take Highway 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, N. C. Turn left on state road No. 1147, go about six miles, church on left side of road.

ROANS CREEK—Fourth Sunday 11:00 a. m. (only) Following the fourth Saturday. A brick church building located between Jefferson, N. C., and Laurel Springs, N. C. Take Highway No. 88 out of Jefferson, N. C. about seven miles, church on left side of road.

SENTER—Second Saturday, 11 a. m. and Sunday, 2 p. m. A brick church building, located between Jefferson, N. C. and Sparta, N. C. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, N. C. about eight miles near Nathan's Creek School.

STATISTICAL TABLE — 1980

Church Established	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Communion Month	Sat. of Meeting	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Rec. by Exp. & Bapt.	Received by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contributions
1832	Bear Creek	Deacon Wayne Severt, Sister Annie Pierce, Sister Verna Jones, Sister Margaret Jarvis, Alt.	May	1	1							2	17	$ 38.00
1785	Beaver Creek	Elder Floyd F. South, Deacon Don Walters, Sister Willa Grey Miller, Sister Jean Walters, Alt.	May	4	1						1	1	14	60.00
1840	Big Helton	Sister Enice Kilby, Sister Bertie Blevins, Sister Gladys Blevins, Sister Stella Helms, Alt.	July	3									17	115.00
1840	Horse Creek	Deacon Millard Davis, Deacon Carl Ball, Sister Lessie Ball	June	4								1	6	25.00
1849	Meadow Fork	Elder Allen Whittington, Lib. Samuel Whittington, Sister Mabel Johnson, Sis. Nora Whittington, Alt.	Aug.	2	2	1							19	35.00
1785	North Fork	Deacon Grover Burchette, Sister Hettie Sapp, Sister Floss Roten, Sister Edna Roten, Alt.	July	1									19	80.00
1898	Riverview	Elder C. O. Yates, Deacon Willard Hartzog, Deacon Wade Miller, Deacon Paul Miller, Alt.	June	3	3							1	32	74.00
1869	Roans Creek	Deacon G. L. Mash, Deacon Oscar Burgess, Elder Billy Yates, Deacon Guy Reeves, Alt.	July	4	1								43	46.00
1829	Senter	Deacon Bertie Bare, Bro. Norman Brown, Bro. Bobby Absher, Deacon Paul Bare, Alt.	June	2	1							2	62	91.00
		TOTAL.....			9	1	0	0	0	0	1	7	229	$564.00

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MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred Twenty-Eighth Annual Session

OF THE

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Senter Church Ashe County, North Carolina

SEPTEMBER 11, 12, & 13

- 1981 -

The next session convenes with Riverview Church, located about eight miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, NC. Turn left on state road No. 1147, go about six miles. The church is on the left side of road.

SEPTEMBER 10, 11, & 12, 1982

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Proceedings

of the

SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held at Senter Church

FRIDAY - September 11, 1981

The association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and called to order with song and prayer by Elder Kemp H. Walker of Pine Primitive Baptist Church.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Walter Evans of the Mountain Association, text: Isaiah 25:8, "He will swallow up death in victory;...".

Association work opened with song and prayer by Elder Steve Douglas of the Senter Association.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and the correspondents were seated.
2. The association appointed Elder G. D. Roten as moderator; Elder Billy Yates as assistant moderator; Brother Earl W. Severt as clerk; and Elder Floyd F. South as assistant clerk.
3. Called for petitionary letters. None were received.
4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION of North Carolina and Virginia -

Elder Walter Evans
Sister (Mrs.) Martin A. Jenkins
Brother Thomas Lawrence and wife
Elder Elmer Sparks
Brother Greene Ward
Brother Lon M. Reeves
Brother Ben Weaver and wife
Sister Nora Kennedy
Brother Arthur Gambill
Sister Doris Richardson
Sister Belulah Reeves
Brother Raymond Nichols and wife
Brother G. R. Douglas and wife
Sister Etta Lou Calloway

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina -

Elder F. W. Stack
Sister Kathleen Stack

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION of West Virginia -
Liberated Franklin Oresta and wife
Brother Alfred Morgan and wife
Liberated William D. Foster and wife

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION of North Carolina -
Elder Worth Stephenson and wife
Brother Victor L. Ennis and wife
Brother James Roberts and wife
Brother Coleman Strickland and wife

REORGANIZED SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina -
Sister Doshie E. Whittington
Sister Dolly Wagner
Sister Barbara W. Reeves

ORIGINAL UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION of Georgia -
Elder George McNure and wife

MATES CREEK ASSOCIATION of Kentucky -
Elder J. H. Blackburn and wife
Brother Ira W. Simpkins

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Pine Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina -
Elder Kemp H. Walker and wife

St. Clair's Bottom Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia -
Brother Glenn Blevins
Brother Howard M. Davis, Sr.
Sister Sibyl Davis
Sister Sarah Sadler
Brother Karl Sadler

Salisbury Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina -
Brother Reid I. Blevins

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia -
Brother Henry Winn and wife
Brother John Lawrence and wife

Montview Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina -
Deacon Frank Wheeler

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church of West Virginia -
Elder Norvel P. Mann and wife
Brother Thomas Mann
Sister Angela Mann
Brother Tommy Dickson

Brother Ray Barnett
Sister Ruth Barnett
Sister Debbie Church
Sister Julie Astra Mann
Sister Chloda Ann Mann

Troutdale Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia -
Sister Zenna Richmond
Sister Leona Adams

Community Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia -
Brother Chris Hylton
Brother O'Bain Hylton and wife
Sister Virginia Hylton
Brother Willie Hylton

Cold Springs Primitive Baptist Church of Kentucky -
Brother G. D. Bolt
Sister Gladys Bolt

Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina -
Brother J. Henry Hicks

Harmony Grove Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia -
Brother Ward Dalton
Sister Ruby Dalton

Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church of Maryland -
Brother Guthrie Caudill and wife

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. Committee on finance:
Deacon Bertie Bare
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Deacon Don Walters

B. Committee on arrangements:
Elder Floyd F. South
Elder Billy Yates
Elder C. O. Yates
Elder Steve Douglas
With moderator and clerk

C. Committee on ministry:
Deacon G. L. Mash
Liberated Wayne Severt
Brother Samuel Whittington
Delegates of Senter Church

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after church service here at Senter Church for conference.

7. To adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Saturday, with song and prayer by Elder Floyd F. South of the Senter Association.

SATURDAY - September 12, 1981

The association met as scheduled, and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Worth Stephenson of the Original Little River Association.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted, but they are to be printed in the minutes.

3. The committee on arrangements recommended that we continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

4. The next association is to be held on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1982, at Riverview Church.

5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 600 copies of the minutes and to distribute the same.

6. The minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

7. Deacon Bertie Bare was appointed as treasurer to hold the funds for printing and postage of minutes.

8. The finance committee is to handle the balance of the funds and distribution of same to visiting elders.

9. The obituaries and a memoriam are to be printed in the minutes.

10. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1981

Received from the churches:

BEAR CREEK	$ 37.00
BEAVER CREEK	40.00
BIG HELTON	128.00
HORSE CREEK	28.00
MEADOW FORK	40.00
NORTH FORK	85.00
RIVERVIEW	100.00
ROANS CREEK	31.00
SENTER	155.00
TOTAL	$644.00

Treasury report:

Balance from last year	$ 617.12
Interest received from bank	25.81
Paid out for printing and postage of minutes last year	378.07
Treasurer returned from last year	264.86
Received from donations on Saturday & Sunday	292.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	$1,200.86

Expenditures:

To the moderator	$ 0
To the assistant moderator	0
To the clerk	60.00
To the assistant clerk	0
To the treasurer	0
Misc. - Board of Education, light bill	15.00
Misc. - Nathans Creek School, janitor	40.00
Misc. - Senter Church, light bill	20.00
To visiting elders	441.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$576.00

Balance in treasury $624.86

Treasurer - Deacon Bertie Bare, phone: (919) 982-2921

11. The associational business is to be finished before any preaching is started at stand or school auditorium so the delegates will all be grouped together to conduct the business of the association.

12. The minute was read and approved.

13. Adjourned through song and prayer by Elder J. H. Blackburn of the Mates Creek Association.

Elder G. D. Roten, Moderator
Elder Billy Yates, Assistant Moderator
Brother Earl. W. Severt, Clerk
Elder Floyd F. South, Assistant Clerk

Order of Preaching

FRIDAY MORNING:

Elder Kemp H. Walker (opened with prayer)
Elder Walter Evans (introductory sermon; text: Isaiah 25:8, "He will swallow up death in victory;...")

FRIDAY EVENING:

Elder Steve Douglas (opened business with prayer)
Elder Floyd F. South (closed business with prayer)
Elder George McNure (preached)
Elder Elmer Sparks (closed with prayer)

FRIDAY NIGHT AT SENTER CHURCH:

Elder George McNure (opened with prayer)
Elder F. W. Stack (preached)
Elder Norvel P. Mann (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY MORNING:
Elder Worth Stephenson (opened business with prayer)
Elder J. H. Blackburn (closed business with prayer)
SATURDAY MORNING AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM:
Liberated Frank Oresta (opened with prayer)
Liberated Bill Foster (preached)
Elder Kemp H. Walker (preached)
Elder Norvel Mann (preached)
SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM:
Elder George McNure (opened with prayer)
Elder Worth Stephenson (preached)
Elder J. H. Blackburn (preached)
SATURDAY NIGHT AT SENTER CHURCH:
Elder Walter Evans (opened with prayer)
Elder George McNure (preached)
Elder Worth Stephenson (preached)
Elder Floyd F. South (closed with prayer)
SUNDAY MORNING AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM:
Elder Kemp H. Walker (opened with prayer)
Elder Worth Stephenson (preached)
Elder Walter Evans (preached)
Elder G. D. Roten (closed with prayer)

Annual Meeting

The Senter Church will hold a week's meeting beginning on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday night.

OBITUARIES

Elizabeth Vannoy Hartzog

Elizabeth Vannoy Hartzog was born on November 15, 1890, and departed this life on July 31, 1981. Lizzie was married to the late Edward Hartzog on December 10, 1913. One foster son, Tom Shepherd, five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild survive.

Sister Lizzie professed a hope in Christ early in life and joined Reddies River Primitive Baptist Church in September, 1912. On May 18, 1918, she moved her membership to Riverview Primitive Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful and devoted member. In later years, sickness kept her from attending church services. She asked after the welfare of the church each time a member visited with her. She loved to talk of her hope in Christ and often voiced her longing to leave her suffering and go home to be with her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sister Lizzie was a good neighbor, always there in time of need with a helping hand and a kind word for those in trouble.

Lillie Roten Miller

Lillie Roten Miller was born on March 19, 1893. She passed away on June 22, 1981.

She was married to Claude Miller and to this union were born six children: Worth, Ralph, Wayne, Raymond, Pearl, and Hettie. Her husband preceded her in death, along with two sons, Wayne and Ralph, and one grandson.

Surviving are two sons, Worth of Creston and Raymond, and two daughters, Pearl Miller and Hettie Calhoun of Creston. Also surviving are two brothers, Elder Dewey Roten of Fleetwood and Paul Roten of Wilkesboro, and one sister, Hettie Sapp of Lansing. She was also survived by nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sister Lillie joined North Fork Primitive Baptist Church on May 2, 1923, and remained until her death.

She will be greatly missed by her relatives and friends.

Carl W. Ball

Carl W. Ball was born in Ashe County on May 9, 1904, and passed away on November 28, 1980. He was preceded in death by a wife, Mamie Sheets Ball, a son, John, and a daughter, Mary.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lessie Ball of West Jefferson, North Carolina; two daughters, Mrs. Llean Howell of Todd, North Carolina, and Mrs. Elsie Featherstone of Rapid City, South Dakota; four sons, Joe Ball and Ray Ball of West Jefferson, North Carolina, Charles Ball of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Kyle Ball of Jefferson, North Carolina; one brother, Clarence Ball of Lansing, North Carolina; and one sister, Mrs. Doris Jones of Bristol, Virginia.

Brother Ball was a member of Little Horse Creek Primitive Baptist Church for 47 years. He served as a deacon for 45 years.

He was a good husband and father. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Fosco Pruitt

Fosco Pruitt, son of Matthew and Betty Blevins Pruitt, was born on December 17, 1898, and departed this life on April 29, 1981, making his stay on earth 82 years, 4 months, and 12 days.

He was married to Boyd Long on April 14, 1920, and to this union were born three daughters, Mrs. Hazel Carter, Mrs. Vivian Rhodes, and Mrs. Jonsie Church.

Brother Fosco professed a hope in Christ and joined Meadow Fork Church on May 27, 1937, and was baptized in the June meeting.

He was ordained as a deacon on August 14, 1937, and was elected as clerk on November 10, 1951, which office he served faithfully as long as his health permitted.

He was a good husband and a loving father. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Cora Miller Yates Absher

Cora Miller Yates Absher of Rest Home #1, Jefferson, North Carolina, died in Ashe Memorial Hospital on June 1, 1981. She was born on August 15, 1881, the daughter of Reid and Fannie Wagoner Miller.

She received a hope in Christ at an early age and was baptized into the fellowship of Beaver Creek Primitive Baptist Church. She remained a member there until Riverview Primitive Baptist Church was constituted on April 2, 1898. Sister Cora was one of the charter members and remained strong in the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ.

She leaves one son, Elder Calvin O. Yates; five grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and several neices and nephews to mourn her passing.

Her funeral service was conducted at 2:00 p.m. on June 3, 1981, at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Dewey Roten, with the burial in the church cemetery.

Bertie Walton Blevins

Bertie Walton Blevins was born on December 8, 1889, and departed this life on December 20, 1980, making her stay on earth 91 years and 12 days.

She was married to Gaither Oliver Blevins on September 18, 1910, and to this union were born six children, three girls and three boys.

She joined Troutdale Primitive Baptist Church at the age of sixteen and was baptized by Elder Harrison Miller, later movingher membership to Big Helton Primitive Baptist Church, making her a member of our faith and order for 75 years.

She traveled over these hills and dales many, many miles to sister associations and churches and was loved by many brethren and sisters, friends and relatives, always devoted to the church.

Sister and Brother Blevins' home was always open to the brethren and friends and they were always made welcome. One could rejoice and mourn with this mother and father of Zion.

When attending services of brotherly love and seeing this aged mother's silvery hair aging for that mansion our Lord and Savior prepared for those that love Him, it increased and helped our faith grow stronger in the Lord, and, I believe, was a great inspiration to all God-fearing and loving sinners saved by grace.

By your brother in hope,
Reid I. Blevins

Mazie Dixon Absher

Mazie Dixon Absher, 76, of Crumpler, North Carolina, a retired teacher, died on May 12, 1981, at the Ashe Memorial Hospital, Jefferson, North Carolina. She was born on October 24, 1904. She was the daughter of Wiley G. and Sessie (Reeves) Dixon and was the widow of

Fields G. Absher.

For 33 years, she was a member of Senter Primitive Baptist Church, having joined in September, 1948. At the time of her death, she was the church treasurer, having served in this capacity for a number of years.

She is survived by: three children, Mary Zell Absher and Bobby H. Absher of Crumpler, North Carolina, and Mrs. Bable (Paige) Murray of Boone, North Carolina; one sister, Mrs. Blanch D. Goodman; four grandchildren, Mrs. Diana A. Dickson, Steve Absher, Mickey and Ken Murray.

Her funeral services were held at the Senter Primitive Baptist Church on May 14, 1981, with Elder Dewey Roten and Rev. Bruce Roten officiating. The burial was in the church cemetery and memorials were made to the Senter Cemetery Fund.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

Big Helton:
Sister Bertie Walton Blevins
Horse Creek:
Deacon Carl W. Ball
Meadow Fork:
Deacon Fosco Pruitt
North Fork:
Sister Lillie Roten Miller
Riverview:
Sister Elizabeth Vannoy Hartzog
Sister Cora Miller Yates Absher
Senter:
Sister Mazie Dixon Absher

Ordained Elders and Their Addresses

Elder G. D. Roten, Lake Ashe Rd., Fleetwood, NC 28626
Elder Ed Severt, Ennice, NC 28623
Elder C. O. Yates, Rt. 2, Fleetwood, NC 28626
Elder Jack McGinnis, 4830 Ogburn Ave., Winston-Salem, NC 27105
Elder Calvin Whittington, Wilbar, NC
Elder Allen Whittington, Rt. 2, Box 229, Millers Creek, NC 28651
Elder Billy Yates, Rt. 1, Sparta, NC 28675
Elder Floyd F. South, Rt. 2, West Jefferson, NC 28694
Elder Steve Douglas, Rt. 2, Box 518, Crumpler, NC 28617
Lib. Wayne Severt, Rt. 1, Box 325, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659, phone: 670-2633

Churches and Pastors

Bear Creek - Elders Dewey Roten, Ed Severt, and C. O. Yates
Beaver Creek - Elders G. D. Roten and Floyd F. South
Big Helton - Elders Dewey Roten and Steve Douglas
Horse Creek - Elders Dewey Roten and Steve Douglas
Meadow Fork - Elders Allen Whittington and Floyd F. South
North Fork - Elders Dewey Roten and Steve Douglas
Riverview - Elders Jack McGinnis, C. O. Yates, and G. D. Roten

Roans Creek - Elders G. D. Roten, Floyd F. South, and Billy Yates
Senter - Elders Dewey Roten and Steve Douglas

Distribution of Minutes to Churches

Churches and No. of Minutes - Clerks and Their Addresses

Bear Creek: Margaret Jarvis, Rt. 1, Ennice, NC 28623 30
Beaver Creek: Willa Grey Miller, Rt. 2, Box 40,
Creston, NC 28615 30
Big Helton: Mrs. Kathleen Burchette, Rt. 1, Box 192A,
Warrensville, NC 28693 45
Horse Creek: Millard Davis, Rt. 1, Box 149, Lansing, NC 28643 . . . 15
Meadow Fork: Mabel Johnson, Rt. 1, Laurel Springs, NC 28644 . . . 30
North Fork: Mrs. Kathleen Burchette, Rt. 1, Box 192A,
Warrensville,NC 28693. 30
Riverview: C. O. Yates, Rt. 2, Fleetwood, NC 28626 30
Roans Creek: G. L. Mash, Rt. 1, Box 56, Jefferson, NC 28640 45
Senter: Bobby Absher, Rt. 1, Box 120, Crumpler, NC 28617 55

Distribution of Minutes to Sister Associations

Ebenezer: Aubrey E. Utz, Madison, VA 22727 25
Mountain: Raymond R. Nichols, Rt. 1, Box 139, Galax, VA 24333 . . 25
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1785	Beaver Creek	Brother Gordie Severt, Deacon Don Walters, Sister Willa Grey Miller, Elder Floyd F. South, Alt.	May	4	1								14	40.00
1840	Big Helton	Sister Stella Helms	July	3							1	1	15	128.00
1840	Horse Creek	Deacon Millard Davis	June	4								1	5	28.00
1849	Meadow Fork	Sister Hazel Carter, Brother Samuel Whittington, Sisters Mabel Johnson, Nora Whittington, Alt.	Aug.	2	2							1	18	40.00
1785	North Fork	Deacon Grover Burchette, Sisters Hettie Sapp, Floss Roten, Nora Whittington, Alt.	July	1								1	18	85.00
1898	Riverview	Elder C. O. Yates, Deacons Willard Hartzog, Wade Miller, Paul Miller, Alt.	June	3	3							2	30	100.00
1869	Roans Creek	Deacon G. L. Mash, Brother Willard Bare, Deacon Guy Reeves, Brother Richard Bare, Alt.	July	4	1								43	31.00
1829	Senter	Deacon Bertie Bare, Brother Bobby Absher, Deacon Paul Bare, Brother Virgil Brown, Alt.	June	2	1							1	61	155.00
		TOTALS			9	1					1	7	221	$644.00

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SEPTEMBER 9, 10, & 11, 1983

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Proceedings

of the

SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held At Riverview Church

FRIDAY - September 10, 1982

The association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Kemp H. Walker of the Pine Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Lonnie Mozingo of the Old Mill and Afton Road Churches of Danville, Virginia, text: St. Matthew 5:5.

After one hour of refreshments and fellowship, the association work was opened with song and prayer by Elder Joseph N. Baucom of the Original Bear Creek Association of North Carolina.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and the correspondents were seated.
2. The association appointed Elder Billy Yates as moderator; Elder Steve Douglas as assistant moderator; Brother Earl W. Severt as clerk; and Elder Floyd F. South as assistant clerk.
3. Called for petitionary letters. None were received.
4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION of North Carolina and Virginia -

Brother Raymond Nichols and wife
Brother Lon Mac Reeves
Sister Lela R. Crouse
Brother F. G. Dillard and wife
Brother G. R. Douglas and wife
Brother Thomas Farmer, Jr., and wife
Brother Greene Ward

The 13 Churches of the ORIGINAL MOUNT ENON ASSOCIATION of Florida -

Brother Woodrow Burgess and wife

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina -

Elder Joseph N. Baucom

Elder J. M. McLamb
Sister Eualuler McLamb

REORGANIZED SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina -
Sister Doshie E. Whittington
Brother Benny Snyder
Sister Barbara W. Reeves
Sister Dolly Wagner
Elder Gene F. Watson
Brother Ray Chason and wife
Sister Mattie Whittington

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Pine Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina -
Elder Kemp H. Walker and wife
Brother Clarence Brown and wife

Salisbury Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina -
Brother Reid I. Blevins

Indian Creek Primitive Baptist Church of West Virginia -
Elder Norvel P. Mann and wife
Brother Thomas Mann
Sister Angela Mann

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church of Danville, Virginia -
Elder Lonnie R. Mozingo, Jr., and wife
Brother John Lawrence and wife
Brother Henry Winn and wife
Brother Thomas Lawrence
Sister Gladys Lawrence
Brother Charlie T. Jennings

Mount Carmel Primitive Baptist Church of Maryland -
Brother James and Sister Barbara Dixon

Montview Primitive Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina -
Deacon Frank King

Saints-Delight Primitive Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina -
Elder Wayne Gibbons

Community Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia -
Sister Linda Hylton
Sister Virginia Hylton
Brother Willie Hylton

Cold Springs Primitive Baptist Church of Kentucky -
Brother J. D. Bolt and wife

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. Committee on finance:
Deacon Bertie Bare
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Deacon G. L. Mash

B. Committee on arrangements:
Elder Samuel Whittington
Elder G. D. Roten
Elder Floyd F. South
Elder C. O. Yates
Moderator and clerk

C. Committee on ministry:
Elder Steve Douglas
Deacon Grover Burchette
Deacon Paul Miller
Delegates of Riverview Church

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after church service here at Riverview Church for conference.

7. To adjourn association business until 10:00 a.m., Saturday, with song and prayer by Elder Steve Douglas of the Senter Association of North Carolina.

SATURDAY - September 11, 1982

The association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Floyd F. South of the Senter Association of North Carolina.

ON MOTION:
1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted, but they are to be printed in the minutes.

3. The committee on arrangements recommended that we continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors; that a committee go to visit St. Clair's Bottom Church, consisting of all the elders of the Senter Association and three deacons, Bertie Bare, Paul

Miller, and Paul Bare. Elder G. D. Roten is to be the spokesman for the committee and Elder Samuel Whittington is to be the alternate spokesman. Deacon Bertie Bare, recording secretary for the committee, is to find out the reason why the majority of the members have been excluded.

4. The next association is to be held on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1983, at Roans Creek Church.

5. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 600 copies of the minutes and distribution of same.

6. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

7. Deacon Bertie Bare was appointed as treasurer to hold the funds for printing and postage of minutes.

8. The finance committee is to handle the balance of the funds and distribution of the the same to visiting elders.

9. The obituaries and a memoriam are to be printed in the minutes.

10. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1982

Received from churches:

BEAR CREEK	$42.00
BEAVER CREEK	63.00
BIG HELTON	122.000
HORSE CREEK	25.00
MEADOW FORK	40.00
NORTH FORK	86.00
RIVERVIEW	100.00
ROANS CREEK	40.00
SENTER	111.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES	$629.00

Treasury report:

Balance from last year	$624.86
Interest received from bank	20.18
Paid out for printing and postage of minutes last year	355.18
Treasurer returned from last year	289.86
Received from donations Saturday and Sunday	293.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	$1,211.86

Expenditures:

To the moderator	$10.00
To the assistant moderator	10.00
To the clerk	60.00

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To treasurer for printing of 1982 minutes	689.86
Misc. permanent association record book	[redacted]
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Misc. Riverview Church light bill	40.00
To visiting elders	$360.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$1,211.86

Balance . . . . . - 0 -

11. Minutes be read and approved; reading was omitted.

12. That the association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder C. O. Yates of the Senter Association of North Carolina.

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Order of Preaching

FRIDAY MORNING:

Elder Kemp H. Walker (opened with prayer)
Elder Lonnie R. Mozingo, Jr. (introductory sermon)

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Elder Joseph N. Baucom (opened business with prayer)
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SATURDAY MORNING:

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Annual Meeting

The Senter Church will hold a week's meeting on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday night.

OBITUARIES

Edna Elizabeth Dancy Sheets

Edna Elizabeth Dancy Sheets was born on August 26, 1904, and died on December 18, 1981. She was married on March 2, 1921, to Dano Harmon Sheets. They had 3 children, 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Sister Sheets attended Roans Creek Church as a little girl with her parents.

On October 9, 1971, she united with Roans Creek Primitive Baptist Church and was baptised in New River by Elder Dewey Roten.

She taught her children and grandchildren by the Golden Rule and in their memories she will live on and on.

Her funeral service was conducted at 11:00 a.m. at Roans Creek Primitive Baptist Church on December 20, 1981, by Elder Floyd F. South, with the burial in the Sheets Cemetery.

Written by request by Elder Floyd F. South

IN MEMORY OF OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

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Sister Edna Elizabeth Dancy Sheets
Deacon Frank Osco Thompson
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Ordained Elders and Their Addresses

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3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

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7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

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9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

Church Directory

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BEAVER CREEK - Fourth Saturday night, 7 p.m., and Sunday, 2 p. m. A brick church building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile toward Boone, NC. Turn left on Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

BIG HELTON - Sunday, 10:30 a.m., following the third Saturday. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from Lansing, NC, to Sturgill, NC. Turn left. The church is about one mile on the left side of the road.

HORSE CREEK - Sunday (only), 11 a.m., following the fourth Saturday. A white, wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from West Jefferson, NC, to Lansing, NC. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile; turn left on 1324; follow 1324 to Joe Hampton Road; follow to end of pavement; turn left to church.

MEADOW FORK - Sunday after second Saturday. A white weatherboard building. Located on Hwy. 18 between North Wilkesboro, NC, and Laurel Springs, NC. Near Blue Ridge Parkway.

NORTH FORK - Sunday (only), 2 p.m., following the first Saturday. A white asbestos shingle church building located about three miles west of Warrensville, NC. Located between Warrensville, NC, and Trade, TN. Take Hwy. 88 out of Warrensville, NC. About one mile, you will come to the North Fork of New River. Take first right-hand road. The church is about two miles on the right side of the road.

RIVERVIEW - The third Sunday following the third Saturday. A brick church building located about eight miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, NC. Turn left on state road no. 1147. Go about six miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

ROANS CREEK - Fourth Saturday, 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a. m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC, and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC, about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

SENTER - Second Saturday, 11 a.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC, and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 out of Jefferson, NC, about eight miles near Nathan's Creek School.

Statistical Table

Church Organized	Churches	Messengers	Communion Month	Saturday of Meetings	Ordained Elders	Liberated	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution
1832	**Bear Creek**	Deacon Wayne Severt, Sisters Annie Pierce, Margaret Jarvis, Ruth Severt, Alt.	May	1	1	1						1	16	$42.00
1785	**Beaver Creek**	Deacon Don Walters, Sisters Jean Walters, Willa Grey Miller, Brother Gordie Severt, Alt.	May	4	1								14	63.00
1840	**Big Helton**	Sister Stella Helms and all the other sisters able to attend.	July	3									15	122.00
1840	**Horse Creek**	Deacon Millard Davis, Brother Calvin Barker	June	4									5	25.00
1849	**Meadow Fork**	Elder Samuel Whittington, Sisters Mabel Johnson, Nova Whittington, Alt.	Aug.	2	2							1	16	40.00
1785	**North Fork**	Deacon Grover Burchette, Sisters Dillie Miller, Hettie Sapp, Kathleen Burchette, Alt.	July	1									18	86.00
1898	**Riverview**	Brother Clyde Johnson, Deacons Paul Miller, Willard Hartzog, Alt.	June	3	3								30	100.00
1869	**Roans Creek**	Deacons G. L. Mash, Guy Reeves, Brother Richard Bare, Sister Annadell Bare, Alt.	July	4	1							3	40	40.00
1829	**Senter**	Deacons Bertie Bare, Paul Bare, Brother Norman Brown, Deacon Jim Walters, Alt.	June	2	1							1	60	111.00
		TOTALS			9	1						6	214	$629.00

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of the

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

held with

Roans Creek Church

ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

September 9, 10, & 11

1983

The next session will convene with Senter Church, located between Jefferson, North Carolina, and Sparta, North Carolina. Take Highway 221 out of Jefferson, North Carolina about eight miles, near Nathan's Creek School.

September 7, 8, & 9, 1984

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PROCEEDINGS
of the
SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Held at Roans Creek Church

Friday - September 9, 1983

The association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder William D. Foster of the Mt. Zion Association of West Virginia.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder G. D. Roten of the Senter District Association of North Carolina, text: Hebrews 4.

The association was open by prayer by Elder Floyd F. South of the Senter District Association of North Carolina.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.
2. To grant Meadow Fork Church release from the Senter District Association as requested, in love and fellowship.
3. The association appointed Elder Billy Yates as moderator; Elder Steve Douglas as assistant moderator; Brother Earl W. Severt as clerk; and Elder Floyd F. South as assistant clerk.
4. Called for petitionary letters. None were received.
5. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION of North Carolina and Virginia

Elder Walter Evans
Brother Arthur Gambill
Brother Arol Choate
Sister Lucy Choate
Brother G. R. Douglas and wife
Brother Greene Ward
Brother Thomas Farmer
Sister Leta Farmer
Brother F. G. Dillard
Brother Carl Williams
Brother Jack Nichols

PILGRIM REST ASSOCIATION of Florida -
Elder Otis M. Cowart
Sister Otis M. Cowart

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION of West Virginia -
Elder William D. Foster
Elder Franklin Oresta
Sister Lucille Foster
Sister Annalene G. Oresta

SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION OF North Carolina -
Sister Dolly Wagner
Sister Doshie E. Whittington
Elder Gene F. Watson
Brother Roy Chason
Sister Ellie Chason
Brother Benny Snyder

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina -
Sister Cloe Sheets
Elder Roy E. Speir
Brother Thomas Hal Bauldin
Sister Jewel Bauldin
Brother Lindsey Allen
Sister Lessie Allen
Brother Barry M. Cole
Sister Judy C. Cole
Brother Raymond H. Hicks
Sister Peggy Hicks
Sister Becky Tollison
Brother Joe M. Robinson and wife
Brother Robert T. Copple
Sister Robert T. Copple
Brother Allen Copple
Sister Kay Copple

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Community Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia -
Brother Willie Hylton
Sister Virginia Hylton

Meadow Fork Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina -
Elder Samuel Whittington
Brother Larry Church

Mt. Carmell Primitive Baptist Church of Maryland -
Brother James Dixon
Sister Barbara Dixon

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia -
Brother John Lawrence and wife
Brother Thomas Lawrence
Sister Gladys Lawrence

Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia -
Brother Glenn Blevins
Sister Margaret Hayden
Sister Jessie T. Adams
Brother Howard M. Davis
Sister Sibyl Davis

Friendship Primitive Baptist Church of Tennessee -
Elder Danny Parker

Mill Creek Primitive Baptist Church of South Carolina -
Elder C. J. DeLoach

Landmark Primitive Baptist Church of Pennsylvania -
Brother Elzie Reynolds
Sister Ethel Reynolds

6. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. Committee on finance:
Deacon Bertie Bare
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Brother Willard Bare

B. Committee on arrangements:
Elder Floyd F. South
Deacon Paul Miller
Brother Clyde Johnson
Deacon Paul Bare
Moderator, Clerk and all Elders

C. Committee on Ministry:
Brother Norman Brown
Elder Steve Douglas
Brother Grover Burchette
Deacon G. L. Mash
And Delegates of Roans Creek Church

7. That the committee on arrangements meet after service here at Roans Creek Church for conference.

8. To adjourn the association business until 10:00 a.m., Saturday, with song and prayer by Elder Steve Douglas of the Senter District Association of North Carolina.

Saturday - September 10, 1983

The association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Samuel Whittington of the Meadow Fork Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted, but they are to be printed in the minutes.

3. A. The committee on arrangements recommended that we continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

B. The committee that was appointed to visit the St. Clairs Bottom Church of Virginia reported as follows: That the St. Clairs Bottom Church failed to recognize the committee, would not shake hands or hear our grievances.

C. We find after examination, that the St. Clairs Bottom Church has by its actions and words declared non-fellowship with churches in the Senter District Association.

D. We find that Bear Creek Church has withdrawn from the Senter District Association. Failing to request any fellowship with the Senter District Association, we wish to extend one year to Bear Creek Church for reconciliation.

4. That the moderator preach the introductory sermon next year, Elder Billy Yates.

5. The next association is to be held starting at 10:00 a.m., on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1984, at Senter Church.

6. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 600 copies of the minutes and distribution of same.

7. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

8. Deacon Bertie Bare was appointed as treasurer to hold the funds for printing and postage of minutes.

9. The finance committee is to handle the balance of the funds and distribution of the same to visiting elders.

10. The obituaries and a memoriam are to be printed in the minutes.

11. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR - 1983

Received from churches:

BEAVER CREEK	$60.00
BIG HELTON	78.00
HORSE CREEK	30.00
NORTH FORK	115.00
RIVERVIEW	120.00
ROANS CREEK	112.00
SENTER	140.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES	$655.00

Treasury Report:

Balance last year in treasury	$689.86
Interest received from bank	13.44
Paid out for printing and postage of minutes last year	351.56
Treasurer returned from last year	365.00
Received from donations Friday, Saturday, and Sunday	365.00
(Friday - $122.00; Saturday - $105.00; Sunday - $138.00)	
TOTAL RECEIVED	$1,385.00

Expenditures:

To the moderator	$10.00
To the assistant moderator	10.00
To the clerk	60.00
To the assistant clerk	10.00
To the treasurer	10.00
Put in treasury for printing & postage of minutes	565.00
Misc. Roans Creek Church for electric bill	50.00
To visiting elders	670.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$1,385.00
Balance	- 0 -

12. Minute be read and approved.

13. That the association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder Danny Parker of the Friendship Primitive Baptist Church of Tennessee.

Elder Billy Yates, Moderator
Elder Steve Douglas, Assistant Moderator
Brother Earl W. Severt, Clerk
Elder Floyd F. South, Assistant Clerk

Order of Preaching

FRIDAY MORNING:

Elder William D. Foster, (introduced)
Elder G. D. Roten, (introductory sermon)
Elder Floyd F. South, (opened business with prayer)
Elder Steve Douglas, (closed business with prayer)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder William D. Foster, (introduced)
Elder Franklin Oresta, (preached)
Elder Otis M. Cowart, (preached)
Elder Walter Evans, (closed with prayer)

FRIDAY NIGHT AT ROANS CREEK CHURCH:

Elder Roy E. Speir, (introduced)
Elder C. J. DeLoach, (preached)
Elder Danny Parker, (preached)
Elder C. O. Yates, (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY MORNING:

Elder Samuel Whittington, (introduced business with prayer)
Elder Danny Parker, (closed business with prayer)
Elder C. J. DeLoach, (introduced)
Elder Roy E. Speir, (preached)
Elder Danny Parker, (preached)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder G. D. Roten, (introduced)
Elder Gene F. Watson, (preached)
Elder Walter Evans, (preached)
Elder Floyd F. South, (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY NIGHT AT ROANS CREEK CHURCH:

Elder Floyd F. South, (introduced)
Elder Roy E. Speir, (preached)
Elder Steve Douglas, (closed with prayer)

SUNDAY MORNING:

Elder Floyd F. South, (introduced)
Elder G. D. Roten, (preached)
Elder Walter Evans, (preached)
Elder C. O. Yates, (closed with prayer)

Annual Meeting

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday night.

OBITUARIES

Annie Dixon Jones

Annie Dixon Jones of Crumpler, North Carolina, died on March 29, 1983, at Ashe Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., on March 31, 1983, at Senter Primitive Baptist Church, with burial in the church cemetery.

She was born on July 21, 1903, to Preston and Lola Goodman Dixon, and was married to Rex Jones who preceded her in death on May 27, 1964. A son, Rex Perry Jr., also died when he was ten years old.

Surviving are two sons: Paul Jones of West Jefferson, North Carolina; Preston Jones of Richmond, Virginia; and one daughter: Helen Roland of Warrensville, North Carolina; Four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also mourn their Granny's death; three sisters: Lizzie Dixon and Nell Hudler of Crumpler, North Carolina.and Mrytle Corriber of Mt. Ulla, North Carolina also survive.

Annie joined Senter Primitive Baptist Church in 1924. She served as church clerk from 1964 to 1981.

Dewey Franklin Fowler

Dewey Franklin Fowler passed at his home in Crumpler, North Carolina, on December 30, 1982, at the age of eighty-four years and five months.

He was the husband of the late Bessie Mae Hurley Fowler and father of the late Carl Fowler.

He is survived by four sons: Rex, Bill, Frank and Howard; five daughters: Gladys, Dallas, Ethel, Lillie and Hazel.

He joined Senter Primtive Baptist Church in October 1969, and remained a faithful member as long as he lived. He leaves a host of friends and relatives and will sadly be missed by all.

Gladys Spencer Phipps Blevins

Gladys Spencer Phipps Blevins of Lansing, North Carolina passed away on February 6, 1983, at Ashe Memorial Hospital. The funeral was held at Big Helton Primitive Baptist with Elder Steve Douglas and Elder Floyd South officiating.

She was born on November 13, 1898, to Cicero and Jettie Spencer. She was married to C. O. (Booker) Phipps. To this union was born four children.

She joined the Helton Primitive Baptist Church and was a faithful member for fifty-two years. Her husband, Booker, preceded her in death in 1938. She was later married to R. J. (Bob) Blevins. He also preceded her in death in 1967.

She is survived by three daughters: Mary Osborne, Ruth Sexton, and Pauline Cooper; one son, R. C. Phipps; eight step-children; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive.

Ethel Gladys Miller Phillips

Mrs. Ethel Gladys Miller Phillips, age, seventy-three, of Rt. 2, West Jefferson, North Carolina, departed this world on Friday evening on December 17, 1982, at the home of her son, Don.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday, December 19, at 2:00 p.m., at the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church, with burial in the church cemetery. Elder Dewey Roten, Elder Floyd South, and Mr. Earl Hartzog officiated the service.

Mrs. Phillips was born on September 8, 1909, to Walter Columbus (Lum) Miller and Jennie Vannoy Miller of the Bethel Community of Ashe County. She joined the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church on July, 1947, where she remained a faithful member until her death.

On December 28, 1931, she married Charlie Herbert Phillips of the Idlewild Community. He preceded her in death on June 2, 1980.

Surviving are one son: Don of West Jefferson; one grandson, David Charles; two sisters, Mrs. Viola Bare of West Jefferson and Mrs. Mamie Osborne of Galax, Virginia; two brothers, Fielding Miller of West Jefferson and Ben Miller of Fleetwood.

She was a devoted wife and wonderful mother, and greatly loved by her family and friends. The many kind things she did for others will always be remembered.

During her illness, her strong faith was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. She is sadly missed in the home and by her family and many friends.

Millard Ray Davis

Millard Ray Davis was born in Ashe County on August 8, 1908, and passed away on April 24, 1983.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha Davis, three sons: Gordon, Elizie, and Billy Joe; one daughter, Flossie Beatte.

Surviving are his daughter: Dorothy Davis of the home; one son, Garfield Davis of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania; two step-children, Estel Perry of Creston, North Carolina, and Osa Martin of the home; twenty-one grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

He joined Pond Mountain Primitive Baptist Church early in life, later moving his membership to Horse Creek Primitive Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for many years.

He was a loving husband and father and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

In Memory of our Deceased Members

Senter:
Sister Annie Dixon Jones
Brother Dewey Franklin Fowler
Big Helton:
Sister Gladys Spencer Phipps Blevins
Riverview:
Sister Ethel Gladys Miller Phillips
Horse Creek:
Deacon Millard Ray Davis

Ordained Elders and their Addresses

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Elder C. O. Yates, Rt. 2, Fleetwood, NC 28626
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Churches and Pastors

Beaver Creek - Elders Billy Yates and Steve Douglas
Big Helton - Elder Steve Douglas
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North Fork - Elder Steve Douglas
Riverview - Elders Jack McGinnis, C. O. Yates, and G. D. Roten
Roans Creek - Elders G. D. Roten, Floyd F. South, and Billy Yates
Senter - Elders Dewey Roten and Steve Douglas

Distribution of Minutes to Churches

Churches and No. of Minutes - Clerks and Their Addresses

Beaver Creek: Willa Grey Miller, Rt. 2, Box 40, Creston, NC 28615 30
Big Helton: Mrs. Kathleen Burchette, Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693 45
Horse Creek: Millard Davis, Rt. 1, Box 149, Lansing, NC 28643 . . 15
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Communion Meetings

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order an invitation to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Beaver Creek - 4th Saturday and Sunday in May
Senter - 2nd Saturday and Sunday in June
Riverview - 3rd Saturday and Sunday in June
Horse Creek - 4th Saturday and Sunday in June
North Fork - 1st Saturday and Sunday in July
Big Helton - 3rd Saturday and Sunday in July
Roans Creek - 4th Saturday and Sunday in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfection, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of **brother**.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Associations, at their annual meetings in A. D. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letters, excluded, and dead since the last Association.

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7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be desposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

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1869	**Roans Creek**	Deacon Guy Reeves, Brethren Willard Bare Keeth Noblet, and Deacon G. L. Mash, Alt.	July	4	1		1						40	112.00
1829	**Senter**	Deacons Bertie Bare, Paul Bare, Bobby Absher, and Norman Brown, Alt.	June	2	1							2	59	140.00
		TOTALS			6		1			1	1	5	176	$655.00

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September 6, 7, and 8, 1985

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PROCEEDINGS
of the
SENTER DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held at Senter Church

Friday, September 7, 1984

The association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Jack McGinnis, of the Senter Association of North Carolina.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Billy Yates of the Senter Association of North Carolina, text: 1 Corinthians, Chapter 15, verse 3.

The Association was opened by prayer by Elder C. O. Yates of the Senter Association of North Carolina.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.
2. The Association appointed Elder Billy Yates as Moderator; Elder Steve Douglas as Assistant Moderator; Brother Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Elder Floyd F. South as Assistant Clerk.
3. Called for petitionary letters. None were received.
4. Called for transient and visiting brethren and sisters from sister associations and churches. The following were seated and given the right hand of fellowship:

MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION of North Carolina and Virginia:

Brother Arthur Gambill
Brother Carl R. Williams
Brother Garfield Dillard and wife
Brother B. R. Douglas and wife
Brother Thomas Farmer and wife
Brother Greene Ward
Sister Lena R. Crouse
Sister Elma W. Reeves
Sister Mary G. Lineback
Sister Beulah Reeves
Sister Bina E. Poole
Sister Marjorie Caudill
Sister Maude Gambill

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina

Elder Joe C. Helms
Brother Gradon Helms

SILVER CREEK ASSOCIATION of North Carolina

Elder Gene F. Watson
Brother L. J. Anderson
Sister Dolly Wagner
Sister Dashie E. Whittington

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Pine Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina

Elder Kemp H. Walker
Sister Edith P. Walker

Afton Road Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia

Brother John Lawrence and wife
Sister Eva Chrismon

Community Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia

Brother O'Bain Hylton
Brother Willie Hylton
Sister Virginia Hylton

Laurel Fork Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia
Sister Imogene Turman

Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia
Brother Howard M. Davis, Sr.
Sister Sibyl Davis
Brother Glenn Blevins

Mt. Carmel Primitive Baptist Church of Maryland
Brother Letcher McMillian

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

A. Committee on finance:
Deacon Bertie Bare
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Deacon Don Walters

B. Committee on arrangements;
Deacon Paul Miller
Brother Clyde Johnson
Deacon G. L. Mash
Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

C. Committee on Ministry:
Brother Norman Brown
Elder Steve Douglas
Elder Floyd South
And Delegates of Senter Church

6. That the Committee on Arrangements meet after service here at Senter Church for conference.

7. To adjourn the Assoication business until 10:00 A.M., Saturday, with song and prayer by Elder Steve Douglas of the Senter District of North Carolina.

Saturday - September 8, 1984

The association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Steve Douglas of the Senter Church, Senter Association, North Carolina.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum were ommited, but they are to be printed in the minutes.

3. A. The committee on arrangements recommended that we continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.
3. B. Finding no move from Bear Creek Church to make reconciliation, the committee recommend that we withdraw from Bear Creek Church.

4. Committee to meet next April at regular meeting time at Senter church to make decision on building a shelter for serving meals.

5. That the moderator preach the introductory sermon next year, Elder Billy Yates.

6. The next association is to be held starting at 10:00 a.m., on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1985, at Horse Creek Church.

7. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 400 copies of the minutes and distribution of same.

8. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

9. Deacon Bertie Bare was appointed as treasurer to hold the funds for printing and postage of minutes.

10. The finance committee is to handle the balance of the funds and distribution of the same to visiting elders.

11. The obituaries and a memoriam are to be printed in the minutes.

12. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR-1984

Received from churches;

BEAVER CREEK	$40.00
BIG HELTON	95.00
HORSE CREEK	30.00
NORTH FORK	100.00
RIVERVIEW	75.00
ROANS CREEK	82.00
SENTER	132.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES	554.00

Treasury Report:

Balance last year in treasury	-0-
Paid out for printing and postage of minutes last year	$565.00
Treasurer returned from last year	00
Received from donations Friday, Saturday, and Sunday	203.00
TOATAL RECEIVED	203.00

Expenditures:

To the moderator	$10.00
To the assistant moderator	10.00
To the clerk	60.00
To the assistant clerk	10.00
To the treasurer	10.00
Put in treasury for printing & postage of minutes	300.00
Misc. Senter Church for electric Bill	50.00
To visiting elders	307.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$757.00

Balance . . . . . -0-

13. Minute be read and approved.

14. That the association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder Jack McGinnis of the Senter Association, North Carolina.

Elder Billy Yates, Moderator
Elder Steve Douglas, Assistant Moderator
Brother Bobby H. Absher, Clerk
Elder Floyd F. South, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:

Elder Jack McGinnis, (introduced)
Elder Billy Yates, (introductory sermon-1 Corinthians, Chapter 15, verse 3)
Elder C. O. Yates, (opened business session with prayer)
Elder Steve Douglas, (closed business session with prayer)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder Kemp H. Walker, (introduced)
Elder Gene F. Watson, (text: Acts, Chapter 28, verse 26)
Elder Joe C. Helms, (text: Hebrews, Chapter 7, verse 7)
Elder Floyd F. South (closed with prayer)

FRIDAY NIGHT:

Elder Floyd F. South, (introduced)
Elder Joe Helms, (text: Proverbs, Chapter 14, verse 4)
Elder Steve Douglas, (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY MORNING:

Elder C. O. Yates, (introduced)
Elder Kemp Walker, (text: Romans, Chapter 3, verse 23)
Elder Jack McGinnis, (text: Psalms, Chapter 23)
Elder Floyd South, (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder Steve Douglas, (introduced with prayer)
Elder Floyd South, (text: Romans, Chapter 8, verse 31)
Elder Billy Yates, (text: Lamentations, Chapter 2, verse 15)
Elder C. O. Yates, (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Elder Floyd F. South, (introduced)
Elder Steve Douglas, (text: Acts)
Elder Billy Yates, (closed with prayer)

SUNDAY MORNING:

Elder C. O. Yates, (introduced)
Elder Steve Douglas
Elder Floyd South, (text: Hebrews, Chapter 11)
Elder Billy Yates, (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday night.

MEMORIAL

In Memorial of Brother George Alison Miller (died 1974) and his wife, Sister Mae Calloway Miller (died 1976), long time members of the Beaver Creek Primitive Baptist church.

We should pause to remember the life and works of our two friends, who were taken into God's Kingdom only recently.

Their faith in God and love for each other exemplify the fullness of Christian life. Their legacy of God's work lives on through the recent gift of $1,000 to the Church family at Beaver Creek in their names, by their daughter, Georgia Lewis.

Written by:
Elder Floyd F. South

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Beaver Creek -Elders Billy Yates and Steve Douglas
Big Helton-Elder Steve Douglas
Horse Creek-Elder Steve Douglas
North Fork-Elder Steve Douglas
Riverview-Elders Jack McGinnis, and C. O. Yates
Roans Creek-Elders Floyd F. South and Billy Yates
Senter-Elders Dewey Roten and Steve Douglas

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

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Beaver Creek: Willa Grey Miller, Rt. 2 Box 40, Creston, NC 28615 20
Big Helton: Mrs. Kathleen Burchette, Rt. 1 Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693 30
Horse Creek: Grover Burchette, Rt. 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693 10
North Fork: Mrs. Kathleen Burchette, Rt.1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693 20
Riverview: C. O. Yates, Rt. 2, Box 215, Fleetwood, NC 28626 30
Roans Creek: G. L. Mash, Rt. 1, Box 56, Jefferson, NC 28640 35
Senter: Bobby Absher, Rt. 1, Box 120, Crumpler, NC 28617 45

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Pfafftown, NC 27040 20
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Lenoir, NC 28645 20
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Elon College, NC 27244 2
The American Baptist Historical Society:
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The Christian Baptist Library: P.O. Box 68,
Atwood, TN 38220 2

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order an invitation to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Beaver Creek-4th Saturday and Sunday in May
Senter-2nd Saturday and Sunday in June
Riverview-3rd Saturday and Sunday in June
Horse Creek-4th Saturday and Sunday in June
North Fork-1st Saturday and Sunday in July
Big Helton-3rd Saturday and Sunday in July
Roans Creek-4th Saturday and Sunday in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failing or imperfection, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member ot the Associations shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he give his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Associations, at their annual meetings in A. C. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of member chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship those baptized, received by letters, excluded, and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the union.

4. The Associaition shall be governed and ruled by a regular deocrum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every,query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unles it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at he discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are One.

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible, is the written work of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sancitifed by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

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September 12, 13, and 14, 1986

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PROCEEDINGS

of the

Senter District Primitive Baptist Association

Held at Horse Creek Church

Friday, September 6, 1985

The association met pursuant to adjournment of last year and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Steve Douglas, of the Senter Association of North Carolina.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder Billy Yates of the Senter Association of North Carolina, text: Philippians, Chapter I, verse 6.

The Association was opened by prayer by Elder George McNure of the Upper Canoochee Association of Georgia.

ON MOTION:

1. Letters from the churches were read and correspondents were seated.

2. The Association appointed Elder Billy Yates as Moderator; Elder Steve Douglas as Assistant Moderator; Brother Bobby Absher as Clerk; and Elder Floyd F. South as Assistant Clerk.

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Elder Gene F. Watson
Sister Barbara W. Reeves
Sister Dolly Wagner
Sister Dashie Whittington
Brother Roy Chason
Sister Ellie Chason

FLINT RIVER ASSOCIATION of Georgia
Liberated Wm. Glenn Hollingsworth
Sister Myrtle Hollingsworth

UPPER CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION of Georgia
Elder Goerge McNure
Elder Denver Hollingsworth

INDEPENDENT CHURCHES:

Community Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia
Sister Virginia Hylton
Brother Willie Hylton

Chilhowie Primitive Baptist Church of Virginia
Brother Glenn Blevins

Abbots Creek Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina
Brother Scott Bullard

Saints Delight Primitive Baptist Church of North Carolina
Elder Wayne Gibbons

5. The moderator is to make all temporary appointments in this session.

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Deacon Bertie Bare
Deacon Willard Hartzog
Deacon Don Walters

B. Committee on arrangements:
Deacon Paul Miller
Brother Clyde Johnson
Deacon G. L. Mash
Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk

C. Committee on ministry:
Deacon Paul Bare
Elder Steve Douglas
Elder Floyd South

6. That the committee on arrangements meet after service for conference.

7. To adjourn the Association business untill 10:00 A.M. on Saturday.

Saturday - September 7, 1985

The association met as scheduled and was called to order with song and prayer by Elder Floyd South of Beaver Creek Church, Senter Association.

ON MOTION:

1. The roll call was omitted.

2. The reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted, but they are to be printed in the minutes.

3. The committee on arrangements recommended that we continue seating all orderly, peace-loving Primitive Baptists as visitors.

4. The committee on arrangements moved that Meadow Fork by words and actions has withdrawn from the Senter Association. One year will be given for reconciliation.

5. That the moderator preach the introductory sermon next year - Elder Billy Yates.

6. The next association is to be held starting at 10:00 A.M., on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1986, at Senter Church.

Night meeting will be held Friday and Saturday nights, September 12 and 13, 1986 with Senter Church.

7. The clerk was appointed to oversee the printing of 400 copies of the minutes and distribution of same.

8. Minutes are to be mailed to all visitors.

9. Deacon Bertie Bare was appointed as treasurer to hold the funds for printing and postage of minutes.

10. The finance committee is to handle the balance of the funds and distribution of the same to visiting elders.

11. The obituaries are to be printed in the minutes.

12. The finance committee reported as follows:

YEAR- 1985

Received From Churches:

Beaver Creek	$ 60.00
Big Helton	76.00
Horse Creek	35.00
North Fork	100.00
Riverview	82.00
Roans Creek	70.00
Senter	145.00
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM CHURCHES	**$568.00**

Treasury Report:

Balance from last year	.00
Paid out for printing and postage of minutes last year	$300.00
Treasurer returned from last year	.00
Received from donations Saturday and Sunday	306.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	**$874.00**

Expenditures:

To the Moderator	$ 10.00
To the Assistant Moderator	10.00
To the Clerk	60.00
To the Assistant Clerk	10.00
To the Treasurer	10.00
Put in treasury for printing & postage of minutes	300.00
Misc. Horse Creek Church electric bill	50.00
To visiting elders	524.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$874.00**

BALANCE ..... **.00**

13. Minutes be read and approved.

14. That the association adjourn through song and prayer by Elder C. O. Yates of the Senter Association, North Carolina.

Elder Billy Yates, Moderator
Elder Steve Douglas, Assistant Moderator
Brother Bobby H. Absher, Clerk
Elder Floyd F. South, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:

Elder Steve Douglas (introduced)
Elder Billy Yates, (introductory sermon - Philemon, Verse 6.)
Elder Goerge McNure, (opened business session with prayer)
Elder Steve Douglas, (closed business session with prayer)

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder Denver Hollingsworth, (text: II Timothy, chapter 2, verse 19)
Elder George McNure, (text: I John, chapter 3, verse 1)
Elder Floyd South, (closed with prayer)

FRIDAY NIGHT:

Elder Denver Hollingsworth, (introduced with prayer)
Lic. Glenn Hollingsworth, (text: Romans, chapter 8, verse 29)
Elder George McNure, (text: Ephesians, chapter 2, verse 32)
Brother Bobby Absher, (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY MORNING:

Elder Jack McGinnis, (introduced with prayer)
Elder Denver Hollingsworth, (text: Hebrews, chapter 5)
Elder George McNure, (text: Revelations, Chapter 20, verse 1)
Elder Floyd South, (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder Joe Baucom, (text: Isaiah)
Elder Gene Watson, (text: Matthew, chapter 1, verse 21)
Elder Floyd South, (closed with prayer)

SATURDAY NIGHT:

Elder C. O. Yates, (introduced with prayer)
Lic. Glenn Hollingsworth, (text: Titus, chapter 2, verse 11)
Elder Joe Baucom, (text: II Peter, chapter 1, verse 1)
Elder Steve Douglas, (closed with prayer)

SUNDAY MORNING:

Lic. Glenn Hollingsworth, (introduced with prayer)
Elder Wayne Gibbons, (text: Luke, chapter 12, verse 36)
Elder Joe Baucom, (text: Isaiah, chapter 7, verse 10)
Elder Floyd South, (text: Romans, chapters 12, verse 1)
Elder Joe Baucom, (closed with prayer)

ANNUAL MEETING:

The Senter Primitive Baptist Church will hold a week's meeting starting on Sunday night after the second Saturday meeting in April, running through Friday night.

MRS. PEARL McGINNIS MILLER

Mrs. Pearl McGinnis Miller was born at Idlewild, Ashe County, on February 22, 1899, to John and Malinda Craft and died at the home of her son, Jack McGinnis, at Route 1, North Wilkesboro, N.C. on June 9, 1985 at the age of 86 years.

She was the widow of Garnet E. Miller. Her first husband, Walter McGinnis, died in 1941.

Surviving are her son, Jack McGinnis, six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and four sisters, Ida Harless, Ruby Johnston, Orby Yates and Maggie Fielding.

She was a school teacher and a homemaker. She was a faithful and devoted member of the Riverview Primitive Baptist Church.

Her funeral was conducted by Elder Gene Watson and Elder C. O. Yates at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church and her body laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the second coming of our Blessed Lord.

MARGARET BARE COCKERHAM

Funeral services for Margaret Bare Cockerham, 91, of Route 1, Crumpler, who passes away Wednesday, July 10, 1985 at her home, were conducted at 2:00 P.M., Friday, July 12, at Senter Primitive Baptist Church. Officiating were Elder Steve Douglas and Elder Jesse Higgins. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Cockerham was born in Ashe County on July 31, 1893, to Isaac and Nancy Black Bare. She was the widow of Josua Cockerham.

Surviving are one son, Truitt Cockerham, Warrensville; three daughters, Mrs. Virginia Hudler, West Jefferson; Mrs. Clara Miller, Sparta; and Miss Jewel Lavana Cockerham of the home. Also surviving are six grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cockerham united with Senter Primitive Baptist Church on December 12, 1927, where she remained a faithful member for 58 years.

CLAUDE EDGAR BARE

Claude Edgar Bare, 79, of Route 2, West Jefferson, died July 14, 1985 at Ashe Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 16 at Riverview Primitive Baptist Church. Elder Steve Douglas and Elder Floyd South officiated. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

He was born May 29, 1906, to Harrison and Martha Bare. Surviving are his wife, Mary Viola Miller Bare; two daughters, Louise Hartzog and Nina Bare; two sons, Howard and Neal Bare; and one sister, Katie Holman. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He joined Riverview Primitive Baptist Church in 1963 where he remained a faithful member, serving as deacon for 21 years.

His strong faith in the Lord was truly revealed many times, and just before he died, he asked the Lord to bless all his family. That leaves us with a precious memory and gives us much comfort, a gift far greater than earthly possessions. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

HARLEY OSCAR BLEVINS

Harley Oscar Blevins, 81, of Crumpler, died August 21, 1985 at the Britthaven Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 A.M., Saturday, August 24, at Badgers Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating were Elder Steve Douglas, Elder Floyd South and Reverend Gary Teague. Burial followed in the Ashelawn Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Blevins was born to Pondexter and Matilda Cave Blevins in Grayson County, Va. Surviving are three sons, Wayne Blevins, Warrensville; Arel Blevins of North Wilkesboro; and Carl Blevins of Crumpler; four daughters, Goldie Speeks of New Jersey; Louise Harris of Kannapolis; Loraine Lambert of Crumpler; and Pauline Adolph of Crumpler. Three sisters survive, Hassie Stamper of White Top, Va., Leath Bingham of West Virginia; and Laura Jenkins of Laurel Springs. Also surviving are twenty grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

ORDAINED ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Elder G. D. Roten, Lake Ashe Road, Fleetwood, NC 28626
phone: (919) 877-4834
Elder C. O. Yates, Route 2, Fleetwood, NC 28626
Elder Jack McGinnis, Route 1, Box 212,
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659
Elder Billy Yates, Route 1, Sparta, NC 28675
phone: (919) 372-5311
Elder Floyd F. South, Route 2, West Jefferson, NC 28694
phone: (919) 246-7456
Elder Steve Douglas, Route 1, Box 466, Crumpler, NC 28617

CHURCHES AND PASTORS

BEAVER CREEK - Elder Floyd South
BIG HELTON - Elder Steve Douglas
HORSE CREEK - Elder Steve Douglas
NORTH FORK - Elder Steve Douglas
RIVERVIEW - Elders Jack McGinnis and C. O. Yates
ROANS CREEK - Elders Floyd F. South and Billy Yates
SENTER - Elder Steve Douglas;
Elder Dewey Roten, Associate Pastor

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Churches and Number of Minutes Clerk and Their Addresses

BEAVER CREEK: Don Walters, Route 2, Box 129, Fleetwood, NC 28626 20
BIG HELTON: Bertie Bare, Crumpler, NC 28617 20
HORSE CREEK: Grover Burchette, Route 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693 10
NORTH FORK: Grover Burchette, Route 1, Box 358, Warrensville, NC 28693 20
RIVERVIEW: C. O. Yates, Route 2, Box 215, Fleetwood, NC 28626 30
ROANS CREEK: G. L. Mash, Route 1, Box 56, Jefferson, NC 28640 35
SENTER: Bobby Absher, Route 1, Box 120, Crumpler, NC 28617 45

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Ebenezer: Aubrey E. Utz, Madison, VA 22727 20
Mountain: Roy Truitt, 102 Gentry St., Galax, VA 24333 20
Bear Creek: William J. Sparks, 3540 Beroth Circle, Pfafftown, NC 27040
Silver Creek: Johnny D. Freeman, 167 Friendly Park, Lenoir, NC 28645 20
North Carolina Collection: The Library, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 2
The Primitive Baptist Library: Rt. 2, Elon College, NC 27244 2
The American Baptist Historical Society: 1106 South Goodman St., Rochester, NY 14620 2
Wake Forest University: The Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Box 7777, Reynolds Sta., Winston-Salem, NC 27109 .. 2
The Christian Baptist Library: P.O. Box 68, Atwood, TN 38220 2

COMMUNION MEETINGS

We wish to extend to all our churches and to the peace-loving Baptists of our faith and order an invitation to commune with us at the following churches and dates:

Beaver Creek-4th Saturday and Sunday in May
Senter-2nd Saturday and Sunday in June
Riverview-3rd Saturday and Sunday in June
Horse Creek-4th Saturday and Sunday in June
North Fork-1st Saturday and Sunday in July
Big Helton-3rd Saturday and Sunday in July
Roans Creek-4th Saturday and Sunday in July

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no way reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfection, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member ot the Associations shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other appellation than the title of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member or prohibit him from speaking till he give his light on the subject except he break the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they shall think proper.

CONSTITUTION

The churches from Mountain Association, Cranberry, Senter, South Fork, Silas Creek, and Big Helton, and also the Three Forks Association, Beaver Creek, Bear Creek, North Fork, and Horse Creek, having been dismissed from the Mountain and Three Forks Associations, at their annual meetings in A. C. 1853, to form a new Association, met by the respective delegates in a convention, with the Senter Church, October 21, 1853, formed and adopted the present Constitution of the Senter Association.

1. This Association shall be composed of member chosen by the different churches in our union and duly sent to represent them in the Association.

2. Who, in producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to their seats. Each church shall be entitled to three delegates. In their letters are to be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letters, excluded, and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe any internal right over any church in the union.

4. The Associaition shall be governed and ruled by a regular decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches or any regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of our faith and order, being legally dismissed by letter from any sister Association, upon application by letter and delegates, shall be admitted into our union.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query, first being debated in the church and then presented to the Association, shall be read and debated and answered unless it be withdrawn by the member who presents it.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the proceedings, the best method for accomplishing this purpose shall be at the discretion of the future Association.

11. We think it necessary to have an Association fund to defray the expenses of the same and it is the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper to the Association, and those monies shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer who shall be accountable to the Association for the same.

12. There shall be an Association book wherein the proceedings of the Association shall be recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a yearly compensation for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read, corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to their plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Association, when they may deem it necessary, by giving the churches twelve months' notice.

15. The Association shall have power to provide for the general union of churches, to endeavor to preserve a chain of communion among the churches, to give the church the necessary advice in matters of difficulty.

16. To inquire into the cause, if any church fails to represent themselves at any time in the Association.

17. To appropriate those monies contributed by the churches to any purpose they may think proper.

18. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this Convention deviate from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are One.

2. We believe that scriptures of the Old and New Testament as translated in the 1611 King James version of the Holy Bible, is the written work of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin and in Man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own free will or ability.

5. We believe that sinners are called, converted, regenerated and sancitifed by the Holy Spirit, and that all who are thus regenerated and born again by the Spirit of God shall never fall finally away.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the only subjects of those ordinances and we believe the only true mode of baptism is by immersion.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment and the joys of the righteous and that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the gospel except such as are regularly called, and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

BEAVER CREEK - Second Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m., and fourth Sunday, 2 p.m. A brick church building located about three miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile toward Boone, NC. Turn left on Hwy. 163 about two miles. The church is on the left side of the highway.

BIG HELTON—Sunday, 2:00 p.m., following the third Saturday. A white wood church building about one mile west of Sturgill, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from Lansing, NC, to Sturgill, NC. Turn left. The church is about one mile on the left side of the road.

HORSE CREEK-Sunday (only), 11 a.m., following the fourth Saturday. A white, wood frame building about four miles northwest of Lansing, NC. Take Hwy. 194 from West Jefferson, NC, to Lansing, NC. From Lansing, go 1353 around one mile; turn left on 1324; follow 1324 to Joe Hampton Road; follow to end of pavement; turn left to church.

NORTH FORK-Sunday (only), 2 p.m., following the first. Saturday. A white asbestos shingle church building located about three miles west of Warrensville, NC. Located between Warrensville NC, and Trade, TN. Take Hwy. 88 out of Warrensville, NC. About one mile, you will come to the North Fork of New River. Take first right-hand road. The church is about two miles on the right side of the road.

RIVERVIEW - The first and third Sunday morning, 11:00 a.m., following the third Saturday. A brick church building located about eight miles from West Jefferson, NC. Take Hwy. 221 about one mile and a half toward Boone, NC. Turn left on state road No. 1147. Go about six miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

ROANS CREEK-Fourth Saturday, 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC, and Laurel Springs, NC. Take Hwy. 88 out of Jefferson, NC, about seven miles. The church is on the left side of the road.

SENTER-Second Saturday, 11 a.m., and Sunday, 2 p.m. A brick church building located between Jefferson, NC, and Sparta, NC. Take Hwy. 221 out of Jefferson, NC, about eight miles near Nathan's Creek School.

CHURCH ORGANIZED	CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	COMMUNION MONTH	SUNDAYS OF MEETINGS	ORDAINED ELDERS	LIBERATED	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RESTORED TO FEL.	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CONTRIBUTION
1785	BEAVER CREEK	Brother Letcher McMillan, Brother Larry Davis, Brother Don Walters, Alternate, Elder Floyd South	May	2 4	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	18	$ 60.00
1840	BIG HELTON	Bertie Bare	July	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	76.00
1840	HORSE CREEK	Brother Calvin Barker	June	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	35.00
1785	NORTH FORK	Brother Grover Burchette	July	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	100.00
1898	RIVERVIEW	Deacon Willard Hartzog, Deacon Paul Miller, Brother Clyde Johnson, Alternate, Bro. James McNeil	June	1 3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	27	72.00
1869	ROANS CREEK	Deacon G. L. Mash, Brother Guy Reeves, Brother Willard Bare, Alternate, Richard Bare	July	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	39	70.00
1829	SENTER	Brother Bobby Absher, Deacon Bertie Bare, Deacon Paul Bare, Alternate, Brother Norman Brown	June	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	59	145.00
		TOTALS			6	0	6	3	1			4	179	$558.00

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